

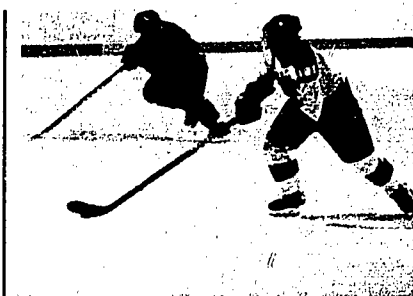
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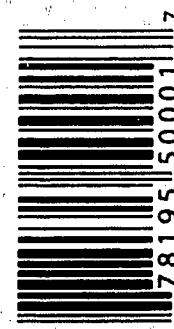
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Two in on credit union merger hunt

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN
 AT LEAST two credit unions have entered formal talks to merge with the Terrace and District Credit Union.

The local credit union announced Oct. 13 it is seeking a merger partner to better take advantage of an expected rebound in the economy and because it is becoming increasingly more difficult for small, independent credit unions to provide competitive services.

Langley-based Envision Financial, with \$3 billion in assets, and the Northern Savings Credit Union, with \$278 million in assets, are two suitors that have entered into talks with Terrace and District.

The Terrace and District Credit Union asset value is \$42 million.

How any merger between the Terrace and District Credit Union and any other

one will proceed is being kept very quiet.

Envision and Northern Savings are bound by a confidentiality agreement preventing them from discussing the details of the process.

Barry Delaney, Envision's senior vice president of governance and strategy, confirmed last week it has been approached by the Terrace and District Credit Union to see if it is interested in being a merger partner.

"We were delighted with the phone call," Delaney says, adding merging with Terrace and District would be a logical step for the company, which merged with the Snow Valley Credit Union in Kitimat seven years ago.

"Envision credit union wants to be a provincial credit union because we think

our members want to have banking access across the province," Delaney says.

"Since we merged with the Snow Valley Credit Union in Kitimat...we've been able to triple the size of that branch, we've been able to do more in the community as far as investment."

He says he believes Terrace is ideally located to benefit from what he perceives as an upswing in the regional economy here particularly in relation to the Prince Rupert container port development and the recent announcement that Enbridge has chosen Kitimat as the endpoint for its dual pipeline project.

"The announcements with the pipeline ending up in Kitimat - huge news," Delaney said. "We take a look geographically where Terrace is located and future plans for expansion in Prince Rupert - we

just think Terrace has a great future."

Mike Tarr, Northern Savings Credit Union CEO, also confirmed it's also been approached by Terrace and District as a potential merger partner.

"Yes, we've certainly spoken to them and they are still in the middle of their deliberations as to who their preferred partner might be going down the road," said Tarr.

"They are going about this in a very organized and systematic way, which is the way they ought to do it."

He agrees the region is poised for an economic rebound, though how long that will take remains unknown. And he hopes Northern Savings' track record in the Terrace area will speak for itself.

"The main reason that we have an interest would be because we already oper-

ate in the Terrace marketplace, we share the same banking data system and we have a history of working closely with Terrace and District," he said.

"So we have a number of similarities for us that makes it sensible to consider the notion of merging together."

Northern Savings this year expanded its operations to the Lower Mainland, where it opened a wholesale mortgage lending branch in Victoria and more recently, Kelowna.

"These other projects have been good for us and we are happy with them but our core business is dealing with our members' financial needs," Tarr says.

And speculation that Vancity had entered the due diligence phase with Terrace and District appears to be untrue.

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AN RCMP OFFICER wears a gas mask as a precaution while directing traffic at the intersection of Keith Ave. and the entrance to Wal-Mart after a chemical spill at the CN rail yard Dec. 8.
 MARGARET SPEIRS PHOTO

Broken spring causes chemical spill at rail yard

A FAST-THINKING CN employee prevented a chemical spill from becoming a potential risk for people on Keith Ave. Dec. 8.

Around 1 p.m. while rail cars were being moved in the CN rail yard, a worker noticed some liquid leaking from the top of a rail car, located a few hundred feet down the tracks from the Petro-Canada refinery, and called for help immediately, said Terrace fire chief Peter Weeber.

The Terrace Fire Department assessed the situation and blocked off a 150-foot area around the rail car in all directions to avoid any exposure to the chemical, determined to be xylene, which is used in petroleum refinement and as a solvent.

Police blocked off traffic on Keith Ave. from the Sande Overpass to the intersection of Hwys 16 and 37. The roads were

reopened to traffic after several hours.

A CN hazardous materials response team, employees from Canutec, a federal agency that deals with dangerous chemicals, and chemical experts from Prince George were called in to investigate, according to CN public affairs spokesman Graham Dallas.

Dallas said the investigation revealed that a small amount of xylene leaked due to a broken spring inside an emergency vent valve at the top of the rail car, but the chemical had evaporated and posed no danger to the public.

He said emergency valves eliminate any pressure buildup and this was the first he'd heard of a valve spring breaking.

Weeber said the CN crew transferred the xylene to another rail car and repaired the valve.

Trustees want new look at idea of using school for their board offices

By DUSTIN QUEZADA

THE SCHOOL district's new three-year plan, which includes examining closing the board office, selling that property and moving administrators to the never-used Mountainview Elementary School on the Bench, will be brought up again next month after new trustees complained last week they hadn't had enough time to consider the details.

Lorrie Gowen, returned as board chair by acclamation when trustees met Dec. 7, says she's not surprised the new trustees reacted the way they did.

"I think the new trustees want background info, the pros and cons and the rationale behind why they should and shouldn't support the recommendations," Gowen said.

The plan, which spans the 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 school years, recommends the examination of the board office's move to brand new Mountainview this school year.

At the meeting, Gowen said the district has been held back from getting capital monies from the Ministry of Education due in large part to the status of Mountainview Elementary.

And because the school district owns the land on the corner of Hwy16 West and Kenney, where its headquarters now are, it would be eligible for 100 per cent of the sale revenue.

"If we share the land with the ministry we would only be eligible for 25 per cent," said Marcel Georges, the secretary treasurer.

The School Act requires money gained by the property's sale go toward capital projects, not operations.

The plan, prepared by district administrators, estimates the move would cost \$175,300.

New Terrace trustee Art Erasmus, who said he was part of a similar move as an administrator with the Prince George

school district, questioned that estimate.

"The price of \$175,000 ... they're dreaming in technicolour," Erasmus said. "It'll cost a pile more money."

Re-elected trustee Hal Stedham said the move would backfire if enrolment numbers on the Bench were to increase, forcing the board to relocate its offices once again.

Gowen also cautioned the ministry wouldn't be happy with a school board occupying a \$3.5-million building built to use as a school. Completed three years ago, Mountainview has stayed empty because of declining student numbers on the Bench and elsewhere.

The bulk of the proposed recommendations and those that would most affect teachers, students and their parents in the three-year plan are proposed for the 2006-07 school year.

They include consolidating E.T. Kenney Primary and Clarence Michiel Elementary, converting Cassie Hall Elementary into a K-7 English school and Kiti K'Shan Primary into a K-7 French immersion school.

It is also recommended for 2006-07 to monitor the potential to consolidate the three high schools into two Grade 8 to 12 schools for 2007-08. Trustees agreed to examine the recommendations Jan. 4.

And Gowen says it will be a critical meeting if the plan is to move to the consultation stage at which point each recommendation would be reviewed individually.

"We need to make a decision in January," the chair said. "If not, I'll ask for a tabling next year."

Gowen explained the board would ideally like 60 days for the consultation in order to begin the process of "bumping" teachers in March and that the process might have to overlap with the school calendar consultations in February and March 2006.

Baby Jenna's thriving thanks to a new heart

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

WHEN NANCY Parkes answered the phone at 6 p.m. Dec. 1 it was as if Christmas had come early - a voice on the other end told her a heart was waiting for her tiny daughter Jenna.

Less than 13 hours later, a brand new heart was pumping in the four-month-old Terrace baby's tiny chest.

"I do think our prayers were answered when she got her new heart," said Nancy Parkes last week, adding when the phone call she'd been waiting for finally came, she felt sick.

"I was just nervous and excited and it was a lot to take in," she said.

"We got the phone call Dec. 1 at six o'clock in the evening and she went into surgery on Dec. 2 at two a.m.," Parkes recalls. "Surgery lasted not very long... the heart was in her body and pumping by 4:30 a.m."

The wait during little Jen-



JENNA PARKES is looking at the world in a different light thanks to a new heart received Dec. 2 after an operation in Edmonton.

na's surgery was difficult, but Parkes says the benefits of her youngest daughter's surgery were immediately visible.

After the operation Jenna's heart rate became regu-

lar, her cheeks were nice and rosy, her toes were toasty and warm and her skin looked healthy and pink. Little Jenna's belly shrunk considerably - complications from her heart problems led

to her retaining quite a bit of water prior to the operation, explains her mom.

And so far, Jenna seems to be adjusting to her new heart very well.

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Baby Jenna gets new heart

"She's right on track with her recovery which is really great, she's doing better than doctors expected," Parkes said from her temporary home at the Ronald McDonald House in Edmonton.

"Most kids in her state would still be intubated and she's had the tube out for (several) days now."

Having those tubes removed has meant Nancy can now do the one thing most new moms get to do as much as they want - hold her new baby.

"I finally got to hold her after five weeks of waiting," said Parkes, adding before the operation Jenna was

heavily sedated and had a lot of tubes attached to her.

"I just snuggled with her and just hung out with Jenna."

In the weeks leading up to the lifesaving operation doctors told Parkes she couldn't hold her baby because too much stress on the little girl's fragile heart could be dangerous.

Jenna Parkes was born July 27 with what's called aortic stenosis - the narrowing of the aorta, preventing the proper circulation of the blood. Therapies to inflate the aorta using a balloon were unsuccessful, Parkes said.

A heart transplant became her only option.

Nancy's grateful to the family who donated their baby's heart so Jenna could live.

"It's sad knowing that another baby does have to die, but it's good for Jenna because she's got this second chance at life," Parkes said.

In the coming weeks, as Jenna continues to recuperate, Parkes expects that she will begin to have a more hands-on role with Jenna's care.

She'll be learning how to take care of her since the operation, how to administer the many medications she

has to take and learn what to look for should, Jenna's body start to reject the new organ.

Nancy is looking forward to Christmas Eve when her husband Ian will join herself, Jenna and their older daughter Emily, 2, for the Christmas holidays.

Ian Parkes is an apprentice electrician completing his schooling in Prince George, Nancy says. He hasn't seen Jenna since before the operation.

"He's excited to see her," Nancy says, adding it will be an extra special Christmas together.

Nancy is overwhelmed

by the support her family has received from Terrace.

"I know McDonald's has the jars in town...my friend Karen, her church donated quite a bit of money for us and they've been praying quite a lot for Jenna too - non stop, and our friends did a garage sale for us in August," she said.

"It makes me feel good that we were born and raised in Terrace and the small town we live in has really pulled together for us, it's very overwhelming."

As soon as Jenna's healthy enough she will be released from hospital on an outpatient basis, Nancy says, adding she expects she and Jenna will have to stay in Edmonton for up to three more months.

"It was just a little nerve-wracking, but we are really excited that she'll start getting better and we'll finally be able to bring this little girl home soon," she said.

From front Two in on credit union merger hunt

"We are not on the short-list," said Vancity spokesperson Sara Holland, adding she could not comment on whether Vancity had hoped to become a partner or not.

As merger negotiations continue, the Terrace and District Credit Union has hired Kim Andres, a merger specialist who works for the Credit Union Central of B.C., as the project manager for the negotiations.

Terrace and District Credit Union's interim general

manager Ken Earl removed himself from the process to avoid any perception of a conflict of interest because he is still technically an employee of the Northern Savings Credit Union.

Earl moved from the Northern Savings Credit Union earlier this year to take over as interim general manager after Val Gauvin was dismissed amid allegations she recommended the approval of loans for a commercial client that went beyond the credit union's loan

lending limits.

"The other interested parties I think had a concern, and I think a legitimate one, with Ken being there as the interim manager, but he is still an employee with Northern Savings," says Mike Tarr.

"There was a perception that that gave Northern Savings some sort of an advantage over the other parties. We understood that and we understood that Ken should not have any involvement in the merger process."

Terrace and District Credit Union board chair Dan Condon says he hopes the merger negotiations to be complete by the end of December.

He has said the decision to end the Terrace and District Credit Union's independent status was an emotional one.

The Terrace and District Credit Union this year celebrated its 60th anniversary.

It has become a major contributor to community events and causes.

Garage saved after snow plow catches fire

A FAST response from a Queensway resident stopped a vehicle fire from destroying a garage on Dec. 6. The person pulled the truck out into the driveway after its front-mounted snow plow unit caught fire.

Thornhill fire crews arrived and extin-

guished the blaze shortly afterward.

Thornhill fire chief Wes Patterson said he believes an electrical short in the plow started the blaze. He wasn't sure of the extent of the vehicle's damage but said the garage suffered minor damage.

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Mr. Ted Hughes, Q.C., appointed by the B.C. Government, is conducting an independent examination of B.C.'s child protection system, and will be making recommendations for improvement.

Public input is being sought on the areas under his review.

Specifically, Mr. Hughes will examine:

- the review process for child deaths, including how results of reviews are internally addressed
- advocacy support for children and youth, and
- monitoring of government's performance in protecting and providing services to B.C. children and youth.

In addition, Mr. Hughes will examine and make recommendations to improve the public reporting of:

- child death reviews, to ensure a balance between public accountability and protection of privacy of families and others, and
- government's performance in protecting and providing services to BC children and youth

The review will consider the roles and responsibilities of the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Child and Youth Officer, Chief Coroner, Ombudsman, Public Guardian and Trustee, and other agencies involved.

Mr. Hughes will not be reviewing individual child fatality cases.

Submissions are requested by January 10, 2006.

Written submissions may be made to the BC Children and Youth Review by
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PROVINCIAL TRANSPORTATION ministry employees were presented with awards by the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans last week for incorporation fish habitat improvements into road and bridge construction projects. The projects took place from the Queen Charlottes to the Smithers area and included Hwy37 North and the Nass Valley.

Habitat work recognized

FOURTEEN Ministry of Transportation employees were recognized here last week for their work in improving fish habitat while constructing and maintaining highways in the Prince Rupert, Terrace, Kitimat, Smithers and Queen Charlotte Islands areas.

The awards were presented by the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) at a noon-hour event Dec. 6 and 13 of the 14 were on hand to receive engraved glass awards.

Those recognized are Stephanie Gillis, Al McKean, Randy Penner, Geoff Phillips, George Lomas, Tony Bennett, Nini Long, Rick Wiese, Daryl Nolan, Rob Blackburn, Steve Uyesugi, Brad Scott, Rick Matthews and Bob Neville.

The employees worked in partnership with DFO and stewardship groups to apply innovative techniques to improve or replace existing road culverts to allow fish to

pass through them and reach upstream habitat.

In many cases, the existing culverts had been long-standing barriers to fish.

One of the projects replaced a culvert with one that has a natural gravel bottom at Cable Car Creek near Kitimat.

Other projects were connected to the Nisga'a Highway construction in the Nass Valley.

Mike Kent, the transportation ministry's chief environmental officer, said the efforts of the employees grew from a recognition that highways projects could work in tandem with fish habitat improvements.

The co-operation between the provincial and federal departments replaced a history which had been marked by charges laid against the transportation ministry for damaging habitat, he added.

"Our deputy [minister] at the time, Dan Doyle, said this could no longer contin-

ue," said Kent.

The work was financed by a \$2 million environmental fund to be used in conjunction with construction projects.

"I can tell you \$800,000 of that was spent in the northern region," said Kent.

He said the plan is to have the environmental work be

financed as a normal course of ministry construction projects.

DFO regional enforcement and enhancement chief Bruce Shepherd said the awards, created in 2004, are not given lightly.

"It's really good to see highway engineers incorporate habitat design," he said.

"I can tell you in the past 30 years there's been some pretty dramatic changes in attitude," Shepherd added.

He and other federal fisheries officials at the presentation said it did not take long for fish to respond to the work that had been done and to gain access to habitat previously denied them.

Lights judged tomorrow

JUDGES FOR the 17th annual Christmas lights decorating contest will be out tomorrow night to choose the winners.

There are two categories, best residence and best business.

And there are first and second place plaques to be awarded in each category.

Recent entries include the Don Maitland residence at 5041 McCrae Crescent and Side-walkers at 4548 Lazelle.

The Johnson residence at 4611 Soucie has also been entered as the residence at 4917 Scott and the Lloyd Nelson home, No. 40, Spokechute Road at Kitsumkalum.

Homes on Bolton between Eby and Skoglund on the Bench have also been noted by passersby.

The sponsors this year are the Terrace

Beautification Society, the Northwest Real Estate Board, Keenleyside Insurance, Remax of Terrace, Steve Cullis Appraisals, Terrace Totem Ford, Appraisals Northwest, Terrace Interiors and *The Terrace Standard*.

The results will be published in the Christmas issue of *The Terrace Standard* on Dec. 21.

You can enter yourself or enter anyone else's display you see. There's an entry form on Page B3 of today's paper.

You can also fax entries to 638-8432 or send an email to newsroom@terracestandard.com and please note that the deadline to enter is tomorrow at 9:30 a.m.

Winners will receive plaques from the Bear Den trophy outlet.

Donation Guide

YOU CAN SHARE the spirit of the holiday season by supporting local charities and campaigns.

Gifts for local children

TERRACE ANTI-POVERTY is asking for your donation of a new gift for a local child or teen as part of its annual Children's Christmas Campaign, a program that ensures Santa visits every home.

Select a gift tag for a child (newborn to age 18) from Christmas trees at the Terrace Aquatic Centre, Wal-Mart, Pick up the Pace Health & Fitness or Zellers. Today is the deadline to do so. Hampers will be wrapped and delivered by Dec. 21. To sponsor a family, donate a gift or make a financial contribution, call Rosanne Pearce at 635-4631.

The society, located at 4628 Park Ave., is also accepting donations of toys, gifts, etc. to be given to local children at Christmas. Monetary donations are also accepted and are tax deductible.

Salvation Army appeal

THE KETTLE campaign and the local letter appeal gather donations help pay for Christmas hampers, the soup kitchen, a year round food bank and other local needs throughout the year.

When you see the red kettle at the Skeena Mall, Wal-Mart, Safeway, Canadian Tire and the liquor store, please give generously. To volunteer, call Ian McDonough, the thrift store and community services manager, at 635-5446. Hampers go out Dec. 22-23.

The Sharing Tree

THE MIX, CJFW and CFTK-TV and partner Terrace Totem Ford are asking you to support the 34th annual Sharing Tree. Donate non-perishable foods or unwrapped, brand-new gifts suitable for a child, teen or adult. The presents are distributed by the Salvation Army along with Christmas Hampers. Drop gifts off at the Standard Broadcasting office at 4625 Lazelle Ave., at Caledonia Secondary, where students are accepting donations, or help Totem Ford fill its Sharing Truck. Deadline is Dec. 16.

Also, on Thursday, Dec. 15, Boston Pizza will offer a discount to customers with a donation and its servers will donate their tips for the whole day and night.

Tree of Lights

SHOW YOUR support for local children with special needs by donating to the Terrace Child Development Centre's 19th annual Tree of Lights campaign through to Dec. 15 in the Skeena Mall. Sponsor a red, silver or gold light (from \$25 to \$100) on the Tree of Lights.

Give a gift to Ksan

THE KSAN House Society is inviting people to stop by their new offices at 4838 Lazelle Ave. and to bring a gift. Gifts should be for clients of the Ksan House Society and the Terrace Emergency Shelter. Gifts for men, women and children are welcome. Donations of office, bedroom and household furniture and supplies is also welcome. For details call 635-2373.

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A billion, eh

MUST BE nice to have money. Lots of it. Billions, in fact.

Such is the enviable position in which the provincial Liberal government finds itself. Thanks to a vastly improved economy, the province is in a surplus position with the assistance of bonus revenues coming from the northeast's oil and gas industry.

It's enough that the province has set out its wage and benefits negotiating framework for the next four years for the 300,000 public servants that come under its jurisdiction. The amount is \$5.7 billion, a much different scenario than the zero, zero and zero the province used for three-year agreements which are ending next year.

In doing so, the province has crafted a strategy allowing itself a lot of flexibility in how the money can be used. Contracts must remain within that overall figure but how the money is to be used within the framework is up for discussion. As it is, the \$5.7 billion over four years is sufficient for wage increases of about 11 per cent.

But there's more, \$1 billion more in fact. Thanks to those oil and gas revenues, the province has set out what amounts to a bonus provision for unions which settle before their contracts expire next year. There's an extra incentive, as much as \$300 million, for unions who settle on four-year deals instead of standard three-year ones. It's to be based on budget surpluses exceeding estimations.

The bonus and incentive provisions amount to profit-sharing, a fairly normal fixture of the private sector. In this case the province is couching the extra money as a way to hire and keep skilled employees and to provide labour stability going into the 2010 Winter Olympics.

That's all well and good if you are the provincial government. But it's forgetting that the money comes from people, companies and the sale of resources in the first place. And it's using that money for a purpose that has not been debated and without determining if there is general acceptance.

Nowhere is there any consideration, for example, of returning the oil and gas revenue windfall to the entire population which is now paying higher energy bills.

The real purpose of the bonus and incentive plans may not be tied to the 2010 Olympics. Check a calendar. There's another crucial date a year before, the next provincial election.

Buying labour peace extends contracts past 2009. Consider the bonus and incentive plan the first shot of that election campaign.

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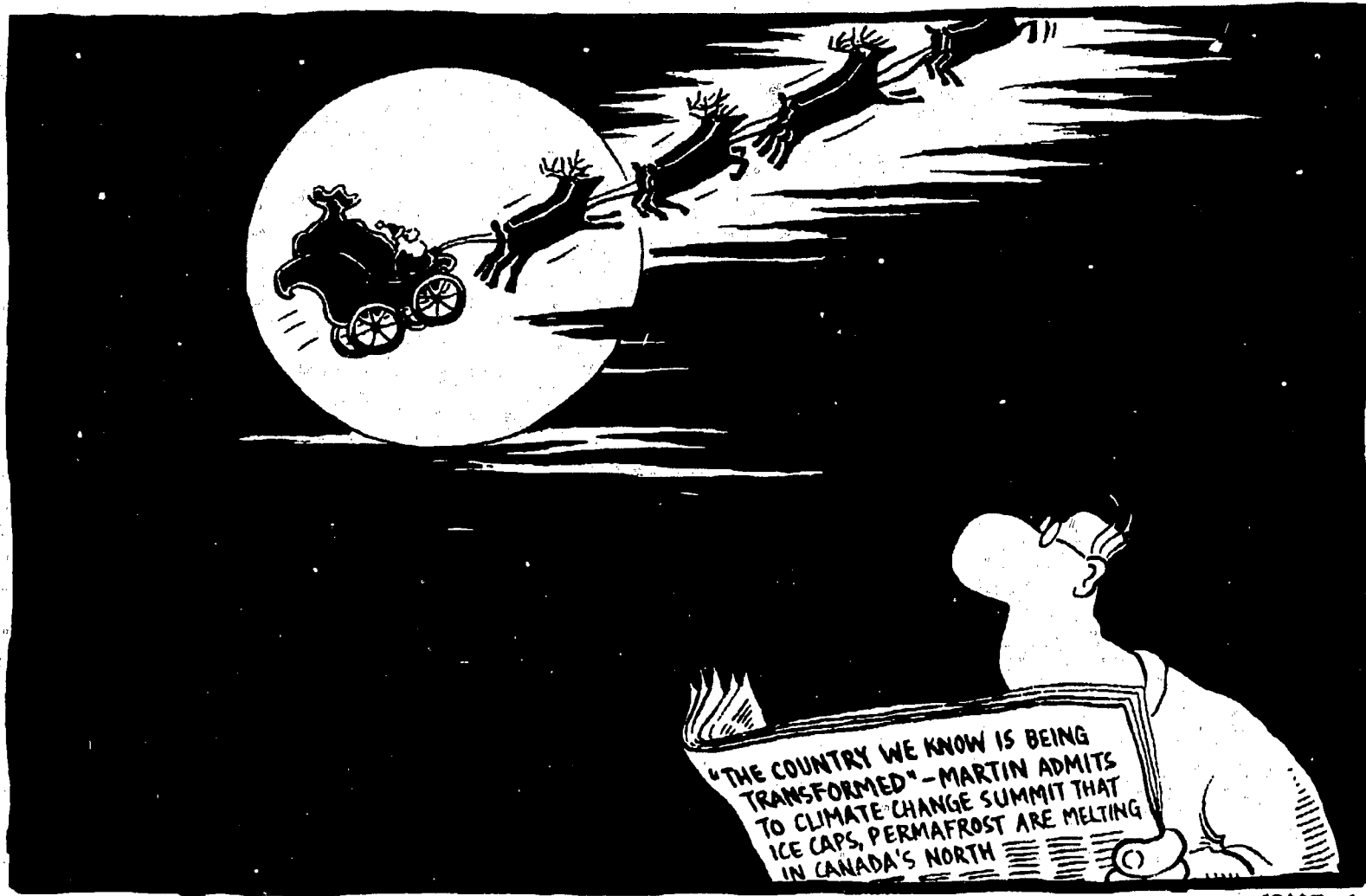
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ANOTHER OMINOUS SIGN OF GLOBAL WARMING

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Courts stand up for employees

OCCASIONALLY, IN the employment world, an employer's conduct is so reprehensible as to give rise to an award of punitive damages. One area in which this may occur is the employer's administration of employee benefits plans.

Many employers in Canada still offer comprehensive benefits coverage to their employees (although, due to escalating costs, this may soon be a thing of the past). Some of the more sizeable employers are self-insured as that arrangement is more economical than purchasing insurance.

In these instances, the employer often utilizes the services of an insurance company to adjudicate benefits claims. To some degree, this arrangement is made to insulate the employer against lawsuits by employees whose benefits claims have been rejected.

In effect, this arrangement allows the employer to say that it did not have a role in, or interfere with, the determination of benefits claims.

A recent British Columbia case has, however, highlighted that this arrangement will not shield the employer from liability. The B.C. Court of Appeal has found an employer liable for punitive damages as a result of the insurer's actions in denying an employee's claim for disability benefits.

The case involved an employee who submitted a claim for long-term disability benefits after being



GUEST COMMENT
ROBERT SMITHSON

diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. The employer was the insurer and an insurance company administered the benefits claims. The employer took no part in the administration of the benefits.

The insurance company rejected the employee's claim for benefits on the basis that she was not totally disabled while employed by the employer. The insurance company had considered conflicting medical reports and had chosen to rely on one indicating the employee was not totally disabled.

The employee twice appealed the rejection of her claim, providing expert medical opinions supporting a conclusion that she did not have the ability to work. Nonetheless, the insurance company continued to reject her claim for benefits coverage.

The employee sued both the employer and the insurance company. The B.C.

Supreme Court awarded a total of \$185,000 in aggravated and punitive damages against the insurer and the employer, concluding that they had acted in bad faith. The Court stated that the defendants clearly failed to assess the employee's claim in a balanced and reasonable manner and failed to act fairly in dealing with it. This decision was appealed.

The B.C. Court of Appeal upheld the Supreme Court's decision but did alter the award to the extent that the damages would be payable by the employer alone. It concluded there was no meaningful separation between the principal and agent and, effectively, accepted that the actions of the insurance company were the actions of the employer.

Importantly, the Court treated the insurance company's administration of the benefits as though an in-house administrator managed the claims. As such, the Court found it made no sense for the employer to say that it was immune from punitive damages.

The Court of Appeal also had no doubt that the denial of the claim for benefits made punitive damages appropriate. This was an exceptional case in which the Court was moved by the employer's indifference to the predicament of the employee (who was struggling with a terrible disease not knowing whether she would have enough income

to live on).

The Court concluded the employer's actions were sufficiently reprehensible to warrant an award of punitive damages. The Court emphasized the vulnerability of the employee and the harm she would have suffered because of the defendants' serious lack of good faith in the adjudication of her claim.

What lessons should this case provide for employers? The first is that having an insurance company adjudicate employee benefits claims is no protection from liability. The courts have shown a clear willingness to saddle the employer with the results of the insurance company's actions.

The second is that, regardless of who is administering the benefits plans, care and sensitivity should be exercised. The Courts are motivated to protect vulnerable individuals from the bad faith actions of their employers. That means significant damage awards can be expected when the employer strays from its duty of good faith.

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Someone cared to make a call

FAR TOO many 1,000 Terrace area women are abused every year.

The closest I've ever come to experiencing domestic violence - other than reporting it - occurred one evening about 10:15 p.m. on a Thursday evening.

That's wrestling night on TV, from 4 p.m. to midnight. And it's usually a noisy affair, not just from the TV in the living room but from my husband's loud comments.

Luckily we have two TVs and, as usual, I was watching CBC news in the kitchen.

Our outdoor dogs began barking in a way that signaled someone was loitering in our driveway.

Sure enough. When I looked out the kitchen window, a van was parked near our gate, but facing in the wrong direction. Between the van and our hydro pole stood a tall man. His air of waiting made my neck prickle.

From the other side of our driveway an RCMP officer strode into view. Two men standing immobile side by side



THROUGH BIFOCALS
CLAUDETTE SANDECKI

so close to our gate notched up the dogs' barking another level. I felt spied upon.

I opened the front door and stepped out on the porch. The Mountie hailed me. "Can you come out, please?" He shone his flashlight at my feet.

I was wearing soft slippers. Yet it didn't seem a good time to ask him to wait while I changed to sneakers.

I pussyfooted over gravel to the gate as he haloed me with his flashlight beam. Later I realized he was probably checking me for a weapon. A gun. A

knife. Police never know what they'll encounter answering a call.

When I stood two feet in front of him, he said, "We've had a report of a domestic disturbance in this area. Have you heard anything?"

Over wrestling!? "No. I was listening to The National. My husband is watching wrestling."

"We were told there's a disturbance in this area," he repeated, and waited, scrutinizing my face like a cosmetician checking pores.

Our street has had its share of domestics over the years, but none recently.

"I need to see your husband" he said, looking past me at our living room lights.

By then my husband was standing in the open doorway. "Come out here, please," I motioned to him.

The Mountie's shoulder microphone crackled, unintelligible to me. He leaned closer to it, concentrating.

Abruptly he straightened. "Excuse me," he said, and

with a perfunctory wave in my direction, sprinted toward our neighbour's driveway.

In moments, three squad cars converged. Cops were everywhere. Soon one Mountie brought out the man of the house and ducked him into a cruiser.

These neighbours, renters new to our street, had never shown a hint of domestic discord. Yet now the wife and child were being escorted to a relative's vehicle not to return for several days.

None of the events surprised me. I had witnessed similar scenes at least half a dozen times.

What shook me was the realization that I had been suspected of domestic violence toward my husband.

How easy it is for a neighbour to find themselves under suspicion after a simple call to police. And how guilty you can feel without having committed any crime.

My main surprise - and joy - was knowing someone else cared enough to make the call.

Second sheet

For the first time, the public gets a look at the factors driving the sportsplex decision

A special report by Sarah A. Zimmerman

CITY COUNCIL was expected to approve a recommendation brought before it Dec. 12 to re-tender the sportsplex/second sheet of ice project next month despite another rise in the estimated cost of the proposed plan.

It would be the first major decision to be made by Terrace's new city council.

The most recent estimate released by the city indicates the project will now cost at least \$10.255 million because of rising building costs.

That includes \$9.13 million for construction, \$500,000 for design work and a \$625,000 contingency fund.

This newest estimate includes \$830,000 built in to cover what could amount to a 10 per cent jump based on the initial estimates of \$8.3 million received earlier this year.

The motion was brought forward by city leisure services director Ross Milnthorp, acting on a resolution adopted by council Aug. 22.

It's based on the premise that looking for prices in the winter will result in lower and more competitive bids because winter is traditionally a slower work season for construction contractors.

But in his recommendation Milnthorp cautions any savings that may have been incurred by waiting to re-tender "have been eroded by global economic factors such as crude oil prices, Hurricane Katrina, steel prices, exploding Asian economy."

The city's architect, Allen Jury, has advised Milnthorp



TERRACE RIVER KINGS players get high fives from enthusiastic supporters. If the sportsplex goes ahead another sheet of ice could be ready by 2007.

MARGARET SPEIRS PHOTO

to expect a 10 per cent escalation in construction costs of the project based on current trends in the industry.

That means city council is under some pressure to get the tender out there as soon as possible in order to

get a bid that is as cost effective as possible before other unforeseen global factors cause another spike in build-

ing costs.

"I really believe that time is not on our side with this project, the cost escalation is really significant and the sooner the project is completed the better," says rookie councillor Brian Downie.

"It's an investment in the future and we need to move on it."

Even councillor Lynne Christiansen, who has long been a voice for extreme fiscal restraint on council, says too much time and money has been spent on the project to abandon it now.

"We've come this far we can't really turn around," Christiansen said.

"I would hate to see donations and money we've already spent to go to waste."

Council's other newcomer, Brad Pollard, agrees.

"I think in the boat they are in, yes - they might as well put it out to tender," he says.

Once bids come back council will then have to determine how it is going to make up the difference between how much the project is expected to cost and how much it already has committed to the project.

Milnthorp outlined the potential schedule to proceed with the project pending council approval of the recommendation.

Tender advertising will go out immediately with information to be available early next month. Feb. 2 is the scheduled tender closing date with the awarding of the contract going out at the end of February. Construction could then start in the middle of March 2006 with a completion date of March 2007.

City outlines financing options for sportsplex

FOR THE FIRST time in recent memory the City of Terrace has released detailed financial information council can use in making its decision on how to proceed with its planned sportsplex/second sheet of ice project.

While much of the information has been seen by council members in the past, it's been discussed only in camera and not released to the public.

Documents submitted to council for consideration from director of leisure services, Ross Milnthorp, Dec. 12 include exactly how much money the city has committed to the project and how much money is available right now for short-term borrowing. That information can be used to determine how much money may have to be borrowed to complete the project and whether the amount of money to be borrowed would require a refer-

endum or not.

"The purpose is so they can make an informed decision," says Milnthorp.

He submitted the information along with a recommendation that city council re-tender the existing sportsplex project in January.

The documents show \$4.9 million is available from what's called an Approval Free Zone with debt repayment over 20 years.

That amount is determined by a formula which takes into consideration the city's population and existing debt load, says city administrator Ron Poole.

In addition to that, the city has a \$605,450 capacity for short-term borrowing, payable over five years, the documents show.

That means the city is able to borrow up to \$5.505 million without going to a referendum.

But that may not be

enough to avoid a referendum based on current estimates for the project which put the total at \$10.255 million, says city councillor Brad Pollard.

"Based on what I can see from the numbers provided, we don't have the money as it is to go with the project with the lower price without going to referendum," Pollard says.

The city has \$4,552,679 in money committed to the project already. Add that to the \$5,505,450 in short-term

borrowing, and the most the city has at its disposal right now equals \$10,058,129.

That leaves \$196,871 outstanding if the city should want to avoid a referendum.

"If council chooses to go to referendum on the project, a minimum of nine-10 weeks and a budget of \$6,000 will be needed to conduct the referendum," wrote Milnthorp.

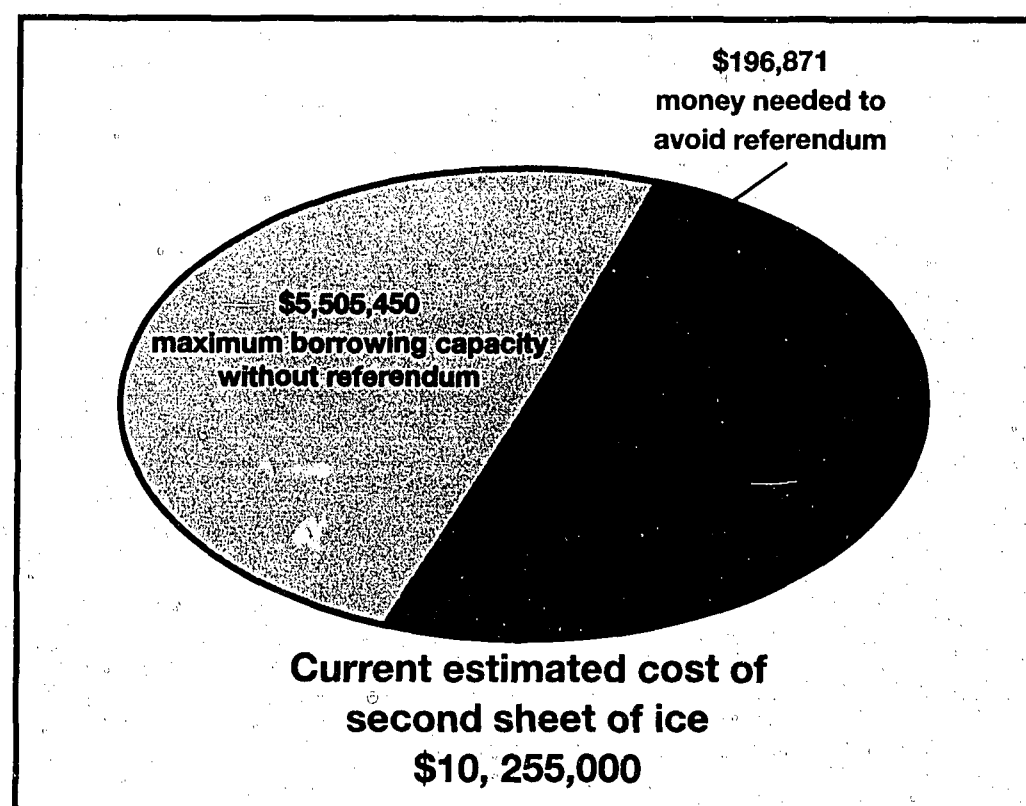
The earliest referendum process could begin would be after tenders close in February, he writes.

That's largely because

bids may come in lessor more than the projected amount, which determine whether council can proceed with borrowing without a referendum or not.

Councillor Lynne Christiansen says regardless of how much the bids come for, she favours the idea of putting the issue to the public.

"I think if we are going to go very far down this road it should go to referendum," she says.



What about a multiplex?

AT LEAST one city councillor says he would like voters to decide whether the city should consider building a multiplex instead of a second sheet of ice.

Brad Pollard says the numbers before council indicate that unless a windfall of money comes forward immediately, the city probably won't have the short term borrowing capacity to top up what's needed to proceed with the existing ice-rink only project.

That means if the city decides to proceed with long-term borrowing for the project it will have to go to a referendum.

And if a referendum happens anyway, voters should also have a chance to decide if it wants council to borrow money for a larger multiplex/

conference centre, Pollard says.

"It looks like no matter how we do this is we are going to end up with a referendum...unless we can get a Fairy Godmother. I would at least include that full package on the referendum."

Councillor Rich McDaniel has also long supported the notion of building a multiplex rather than just a second sheet of ice.

The issue of building a multiplex with a conference centre and a second sheet of ice reared its head again leading up to the Nov. 19 municipal elections. Councillor Marilyn Davies said she polled dozens of area businesspeople and was overwhelmingly told they would support the building of a larger multiplex.

Documents submitted to city council indicate

the cost of building a multiplex using the 1999 design - that was voted down in a referendum that same year - could exceed \$18.6 million based on today's estimates.

That doesn't include provisions for expected inflation relating to skyrocketing construction costs. That estimate was done by PBK Architects, the firm currently working on the drawings for the second sheet of ice/sportsplex proposal.

City director of leisure services Ross Milnthorp has laid out a "what-if" scenario for council to consider.

He says if council adopted that option and design work began immediately, the earliest anticipated date to start construction would be some time in August 2006.

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It'll cost their soul

Dear Sir:

As you are aware, I have attempted to light up my portion of Straume Ave.

For reasons unknown to me, a person or persons, have seen fit to steal these Christmas lights. On the first occasion it was nine bulbs; yesterday it was four. Today, Friday the 9th, it was sixty-four.

The cost to me, a pensioner, hurts but is withstood. The cost to the perps is their immortal soul.

Merry Christmas!

Ron Gowe, Terrace, B.C.

Flawed export logic

Dear Sir:

I am amused, but not surprised, by Roger Harris' perspective in the published guest column of the Nov. 23 issue of *The Terrace Standard*, "Log exports spur innovation."

According to his thinking, raw log exports are a good thing for our region.

His perspective does not surprise me. It's the same flawed line of thinking as he has expressed regarding Alcan power sales issue.

Whether it's wood, water or electrons, we need our elected representatives to stand up and advocate for the collective interests of our communities, and not just let our futures be at the mercy of big business economics and the bottom line.

If you talked to any logging truck operator, they would much rather be hauling their load to a mill that would process that material and resulted in employment for their community, rather than a far off land.

One would think after being defeated in an election, some reflective thinking would take place as to what the majority constituents in this area believe.

What this column confirms to me is that Roger Harris continues to miss the point that our regions natural resource must be used for the full benefit of the citizens of the area.

I contend this is also why Roger finds himself now writing guest newspaper columns rather than sitting as a MLA for Skeena.

Gord Lechner, Kitimat, B.C.

Kitimat needs beds, too

Dear Sir:

So it seems the Northern Health Authority (NHA) has finally faced reality and have come to the conclusion there is a definite strong growing need for more services for seniors here in the northwest.

Recently it was announced that Terraceview Lodge will see an increase in the number of beds (not yet known) at that facility, which offers long-term and extended care accommodations.

And to think that this was the same facility which the Northern Health Authority has said was going to see 25 of the 75 long term care beds closed.

It's not a time to applaud the NHA, it's about damn time. Seniors and their families have been faced with undue stress due to the NHA's ignorance of the shortcomings in the health care system up here in northern British Columbia; all the while their only solution it to cut further already inadequate services.

For years seniors and their families have lobbied for further beds and services to meet the growing needs of the elderly in our communities.

In the past the NHA has complained about the stress put on acute care units from elderly people seeking a place to stay while awaiting placement in one of the areas long-term care facilities.

This stress put on acute care services is the sole fault of the NHA and its predecessors for failing to recognize the need for further growth of facilities for seniors.

The new Kitimat Healthcare Centre, which opened only three years ago, kept the same number of long term care beds, rather than seeing a single new bed open for the citizens of Kitimat.

All the while there were long time residents of this community in the acute care ward waiting for placement in the extended care unit.

I'm glad that finally the NHA has recognized the need for more beds for long-term care patients in the northwest, but it is not enough.

Putting in new beds in one community does not improve health care in the northwest, it improves it for the people of Terrace.

Kitimat deserves no less than our neighbouring community, and neither do our residents.

When people grow old in a community in which they have established a family, worked, and lived they deserve to spend their golden years with their family and friends by their side.

As a citizen of Kitimat I believe strongly that we must further make known the needs of our area seniors so that the services that they so require and deserve are there to accommodate the needs of our Kitimat residents.

Terrace is seeing a bed increase in their long-term care facility, how about Kitimat?

Derick Stinson, Kitimat, B.C.

Where are priorities?

Dear Sir:

I believe I know how the local realtors feel about an outside company being brought in to handle the co-op sale when they are very capable to do the transaction themselves.

I, too, was very disappointed earlier this year when a water well and monitor well program was started in Terrace and my company, Double D Drilling Ltd. who have had a Terrace business licence for several years, hire local employees, buy our supplies from local businesses as the realtors do and were not asked for any prices on the work.

I have tried twice to contact Mr. Talstra about why we were excluded or not included on bidding on this work, once by e-mail to city hall (Nov. 1, 2005) and once by leaving a message on his answering machine at his office, about one week prior to the e-mail.

I have yet to hear from him. Perhaps his priorities are not with the local businesses.

Doug Stanvick, Terrace, B.C.

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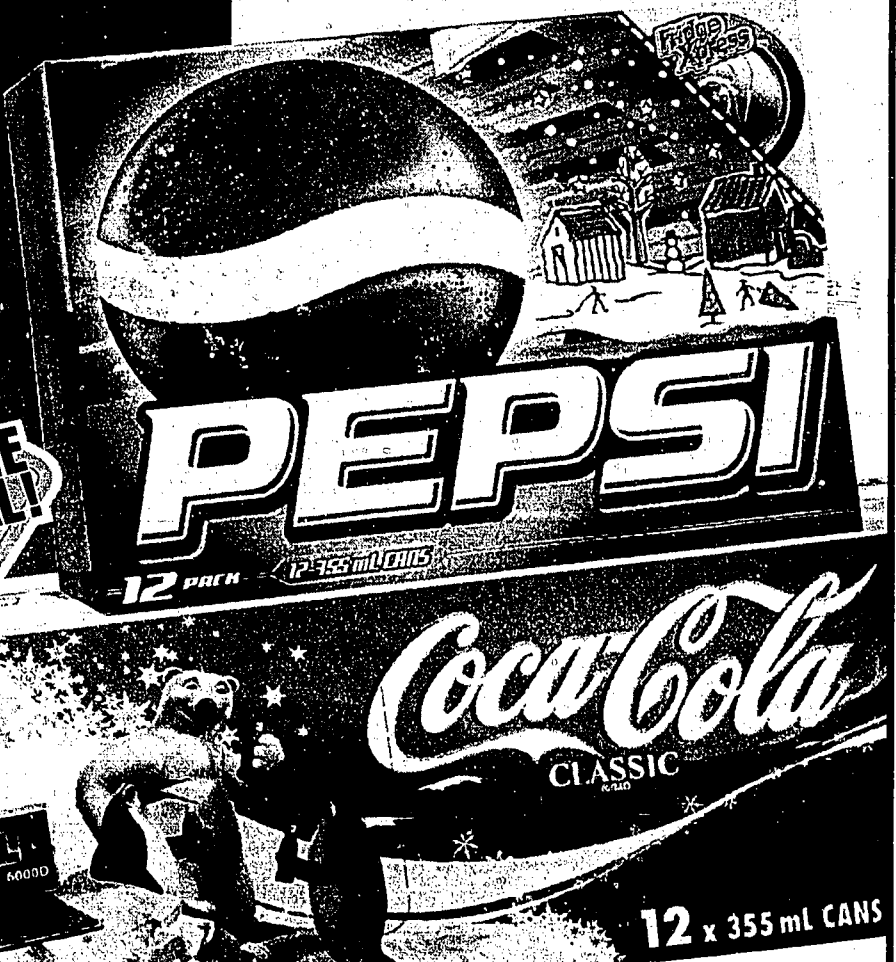
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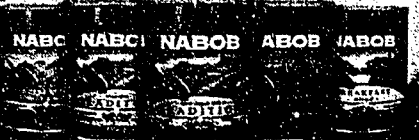
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More whistleblowers needed

Dear Sir:
I read with interest the guest column "We Need Public Whistleblowers" in your Nov. 30 edition.

Unusual as it is to find agreement with the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, I must admit that they are correct on this issue. However, they do not go far enough.

The author, Sara McIntyre, argues that in government there is "always the potential for corruption, greed and maladministration."

As well, "that is why it is critically important to offer protection to civil servants, who are the public's last line of defense" when other systems of curtailing abuse of the public trust fail.

One must wonder, however, why she argues this only about the public sector.

Most citizens are no less dependent upon great corporations than on government

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to manage aspects of their welfare, and if we spend considerable sums in taxation in order to fund public services, we spend even more in consumer dollars for such necessities as food, shelter, clothing, transportation, and on less critical items such as entertainment.

Great corporations and their leaders have shown themselves to be just as prone to corruption, greed and maladministration as any public official.

Crooked business officials have often gouged the general public through various levels of profit, various kinds of price-fixing, and other schemes.



Al Lehmann

(They have also cheated shareholders in order to fund lavish lifestyles for CEOs. Salaries and bonuses for CEO's often have little cor-

relation to the actual performance of the company.)

Governments and corporations are both expert in using other people's money. When their employees find it necessary to "blow the whistle" on their employers in order to protect the legitimate interests of the public from corruption and abuse, those employees should enjoy protection from employer reprisals.

Do we need effective whistleblower legislation? Yes. But let's protect both private and public employees.

Al Lehmann,
Terrace, B.C.

You can filter out the fluoride

Dear Sir:

In response to Greta Brorup's letter "The Poisoning Continues" in *The Terrace Standard* of Dec. 7, 2005 I find it comical that she should mention mercury fillings while she is complaining about the fluoride being added to Terrace's water.

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(amalgam) which has a minute amount of mercury amongst other metals such as silver, tin, and copper or a composite filling (white) which has a resin matrix, an inorganic filler and a coupling agent.

If you feel you are being poisoned you can either filter out the fluoride, buy unfluoridated water or not drink the water at all. The Canadian Dental Association has a web site where you can get an informed opinion about fluoride at www.cda-adc.ca.

Robin Muller, Certified Dental Assistant,
Terrace, B.C.

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Tahltan, mining company work on economic deal

THE TAHLTAN Central Council and bcMetals Corporation are working on a participation agreement to give the former job and economic opportunities based on the latter's proposed \$228 million Red Chris copper and gold mine project.

It's based on an earlier memorandum of understanding between the two parties but will be much broader in scope when completed. And just as the participation agreement agreed to by the central council and another mining company, NovaGold Resources for its proposed Galore Creek copper and gold mine, it'll be put to a ratification vote by members of the Tahltan Nation.

"[NovaGold] sets the standard," says Tahltan Central Council president Curtis Rattray both of the idea of ratification and of the contents of the NovaGold agreement.

Any agreement between the central council and bcMetals will first be vetted by the council executive before being put out to a vote, said Rattray.

"We're changing to a more participatory democratic process," said Rattray last week of ratification voting. "When we do a draft agreement with a mining company, we want to create a process that allows participation directly into the decision making. We're moving away from what I would call a managed democracy to a participatory democracy."

And if a ratification vote is successful, the Tahltan will become even more involved in any project when it comes to land use planning and impacts, Rattray added.

The NovaGold agreement was voted on by people of Tahltan ancestry who were more than 16 years of age and who provided the names of their parents and grandparents. Tahltan did not have to live in their traditional territory to vote or hold Indian status.

The same voting eligibility will apply to the ratification of any agreement between bcMetals and the Tahltan Central Council.

But bcMetals Corporation president Ian Smith said that if he were a Tahltan in the area, he'd want only other Tahltan living in the immediate area to vote. That's particularly the case for Tahltan now working at another gold mine in the area, Eskay Creek, which is scheduled to close in little more

than a year.

"I would like the voices to be heard to be from the immediate area, not from anybody who lives a couple of thousand kilometres away," said Smith.

Rattray said Smith should not get involved in internal Tahltan politics. "If you are a Tahltan you are the beneficiary of rights and title regardless of where you live. You don't have rights and title based on residency," said Rattray.

The NovaGold agreement calls for preferential hiring of Tahltan, job training, opportunities for Tahltan businesses, support payments to the Tahltan Central Council and the creation of a Tahltan Heritage Fund. Payments to the Tahltan would vary depending upon NovaGold's income.

Rattray expects the NovaGold vote results to be released by the end of this week.

The voting day in the Tahltan villages was Nov. 30 but mail in ballots from Tahltan who live elsewhere are still coming in to a White Rock company hired to tally the results, he said.

But voting didn't go as expected in Iskut where people protesting the legitimacy of the Tahltan Central Council forced a stop to balloting Nov. 30, resulting in voting carrying on the next day at an off-village location.

"The Tahltan Central Council doesn't speak for us," said one of the protestors, Rhonda Quock.

She said that while the group doesn't necessarily oppose NovaGold, it feels the central council isn't speaking for all of the Tahltan.

Quock also said Tahltan were only able to view a summary of the proposed NovaGold agreement amounting to about 20 pages and not the entire document of approximately 128 pages.

"How can you vote on something when you don't have the full agreement? People had already voted who hadn't seen the full agreement," she said.

Rattray said the 20-page summary was sufficient to give voters the information they needed.

"Those other pages have all the legal language. People don't want to read the whole legal document. They were comfortable leaving the fine details to the experts," he said.

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Jobless rate creeps up

UNEMPLOYMENT CREPT up in the region in November compared to October, continuing a trend started in the fall.

But November's level of 6.8 per cent compared to 6 per cent in October is normal for the seasonal nature of the region's economy, says a federal employment analyst.

Patrick McIntyre of Service Canada said the rate remains much better than the Nov. 2004 figure of 9.4 per cent.

"There has been some downward pressure on our retail industry," he added.

"But the thing to note is that year over year, we're doing much better."

The labour force in November for the area from the Queen Charlotte Islands to just west of Vanderhoof was listed at 49,900 people, just 100 more than it was for last November.

But 46,500 people were listed as either working full or part time last month, an increase of 1,500 over November 2004.

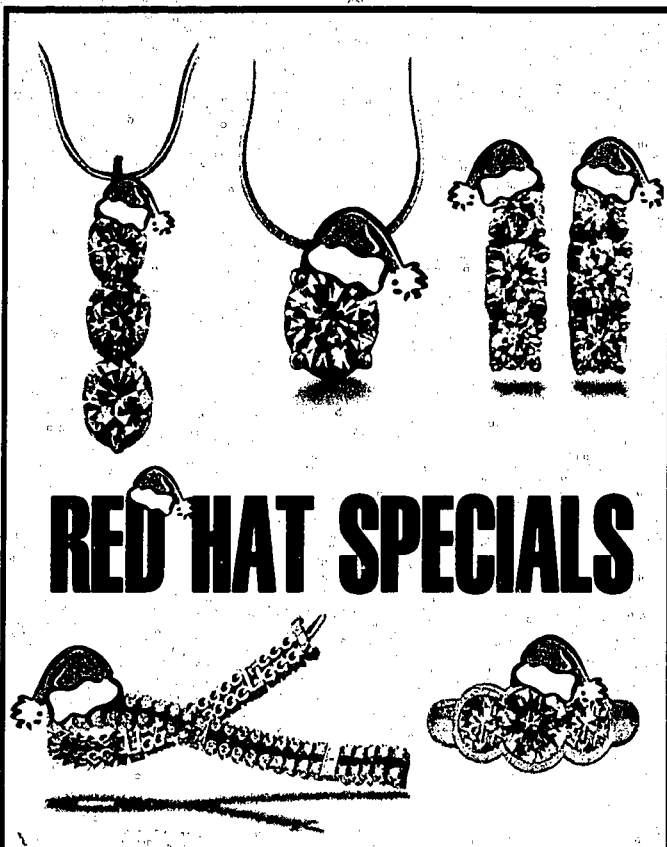
Of those working last month, 35,900 were listed as full time and 10,600 as part time. That's compared to 34,000 full time and 11,100 part-time workers in November 2004.

Last month, 3,400 people were categorized as unemployed compared to 4,700 in November 2004.

B.C.'s overall rate dropped to 4.7 per cent in November from 5.3 per cent in October, continuing a pace that has placed it at the forefront of the country's economy. Nationally, the

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City has role in top cop hiring

THE CITY will have a say in who will replace departing RCMP Inspector Marlin Degrand thanks to the contract it has with the national police force.

Degrad is soon to depart to a staff job in Edmonton and the city has drafted a list of qualifications.

RCMP Superintendent Barry Clark of the Prince George RCMP, will come up with a list of potential candidates and the city will interview them.

Degrad said he was selected and interviewed here by the city Chief Administration Officer Ron Poole, Mayor Jack Talstra and city council.

He expects the city will follow the same process to choose his successor.

Other cities may conduct multiple interviews with a panel of people.

The new officer's salary will be the same as other inspectors, Degrand said, and although he declined to name an amount, he did say officers are compensated well.

The RCMP web site indicates a starting salary of \$40,523 for constables that increases every year for three years, then tops out at \$65,660 for regular members.

Degrad said he's at the top end of the salary levels and will continue at that salary in his new position in Edmonton.

Poole said he gave a list of six criteria to Degrand.

The criteria include someone who will work with the city and act as a departmental head, which means someone who will listen to the city's concerns about the major problems in town.

Second on the list is someone who will be sensitive to the city's financial situation, budgetary processes and pressures it faces as it moves out of a long period of regional economic downturn.

Poole said this means someone who will understand that even though the city is doing better financially, that doesn't mean the detachment will automatically start receiving more money.

Number three is someone who will work openly and honestly with city council in a consultative manner, ensuring the city's opinion is reflected in the detachment's operational and administrative priorities.

Fourthly, the city would like to see a forward thinking person willing to pursue initiatives, such as regional policing, as they become available.

Poole said this refers to the new inspector ensuring that Terrace is considered to be a regional centre so it can be included in new initiatives the province wants local RCMP to undertake.

Fifthly, the city would like an inspector who pos-

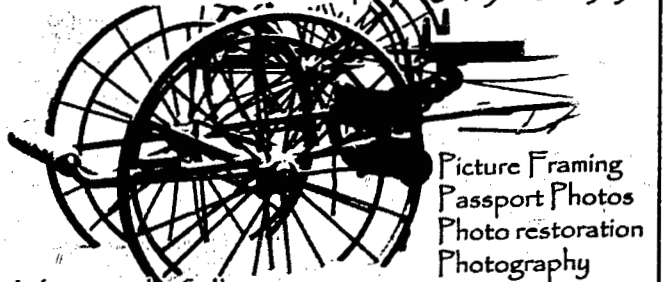
sesses strong strategic planning skills and will place the detachment in a position to move forward as the economy shifts upward while considering the challenges such as the Prince Rupert container port, mining and resource exploration etc.

Lastly, the city wants someone like Degrand.

"He was a nice approachable guy," Poole explained, adding the city will miss Degrand.

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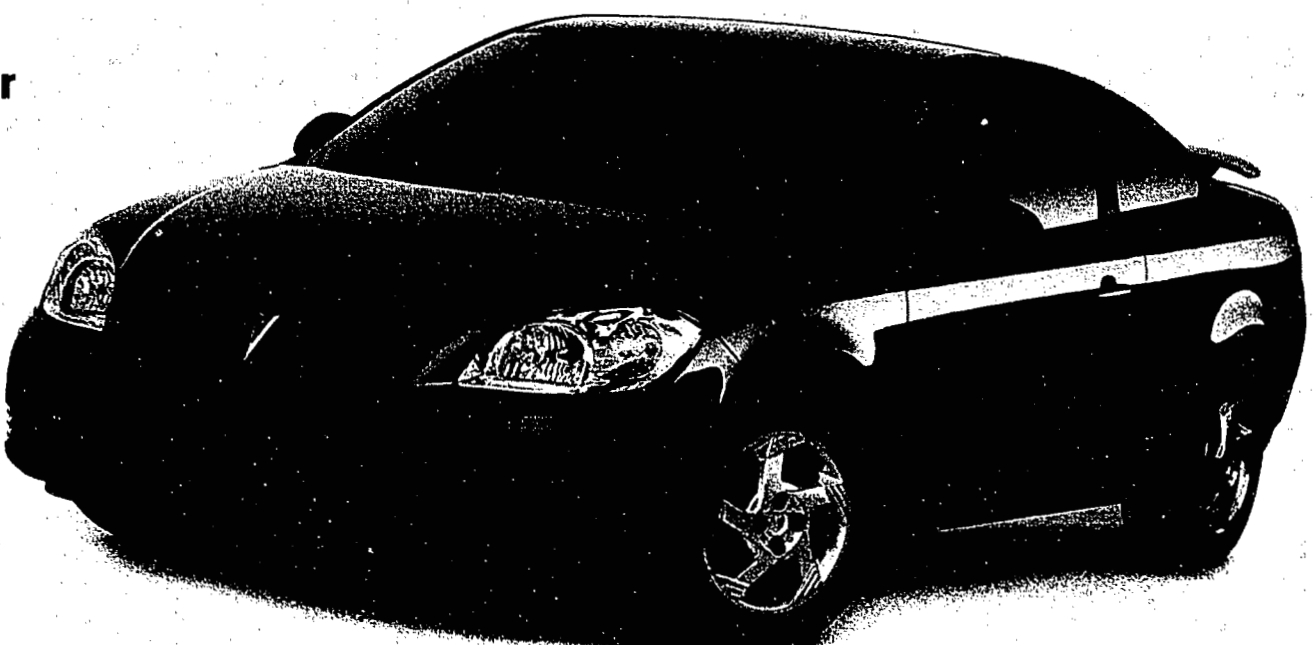
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Liberal hopeful wants end to aboriginal poverty here

THE ENTIRE northwest has to be involved in efforts to improve the lot of aboriginal people, says the Liberal candidate for Skeena-Bulkley.

And the need is greater now that the federal Liberals have pledged to spend \$5.1 billion over the next five years to alleviate native poverty, Gordon Stamp-Vincent said last week.

"In this riding we have to make sure we're on the same page. We have aboriginal unemployment in the double digits and that's shameful," he said. "What kind of country do we live in?"

With aboriginal people making up at least 25 per cent of the northwest population, the region stands to benefit by the planned federal Liberal expenditure, Stamp-Vincent added.

"We hear that getting trades, skilled trades, here is difficult. But we have people here who could be trained. Are there challenges? You bet. But unless we sit and talk, it'll never happen," he said. "We need to have those conversations."

Stamp-Vincent said the northwest is on the verge of economic upswing thanks to the Prince Rupert container port and other projects such as the oil export pipeline contemplated by Enbridge.

"We all have to share in this prosperity or shame on us," he said. "We've got to get a conversation going to break down the barriers. No one in Ottawa can download the solution."

MP's offices are open, sort of

PARLIAMENT MAY be dissolved and MPs out campaigning but their constituency offices are still open albeit at a reduced level.

That's because people will still need the services of an MP's office to handle questions and problems, says Jerry Toews, who works for Skeena-Bulkley NDP candidate Nathan Cullen.

"That's particularly the case with matters such as passports or immigration issues," he said.

Toews doesn't expect an MP's office to handle the same volume of queries in this election because of the Christmas holiday season.

"Generally the experi-

ence is that things slow right down," he said.

Constituent queries will be handled by one Cullen staffer in Smithers. The remainder are working on his campaign. MPs cannot use their constituency offices for campaign purposes during an election.

In Terrace, because we share space with [Skeena NDP MLA] Robin Austin, a person can come in and talk to his staffer and they'll be given the 1-888 number to get in touch with our Smithers office," said Toews.

While Cullen's parliamentary duties are on hold during the campaign, he'll still step in when required for constituency issues.

"There are definite rules in place during an election

A Prince Rupert mortgage broker, Stamp-Vincent defeated Prince Rupert consultant Dave McGuigan two weeks ago to claim the Liberal nomination.

He describes himself as fiscally conservative, adding that social programs can only be improved if a government is prudent enough to manage its affairs and the economy to provide the money to pay the costs of those programs.

Stamp-Vincent said he was in favour of the Reform party's economic stance in the 1990s but came to admire Paul Martin who, as finance minister, eliminated first the federal budget deficit and then delivered eight surplus budgets.

"The Liberals are the middle of the road. We have the business acumen and the social compassion," Stamp-Vincent said.



Gordon Stamp-Vincent

to separate constituency activity from campaigning. He won't have the same access because of the election but he will advocate when needed," said Toews.

Toews, who normally works for Cullen in his Ottawa office, is his campaign

manager. He and other Cullen staffers are continuing to get paid based on overtime that has been banked.

Cullen is still drawing his \$144,000 Member of Parliament salary during the election and that continues up until election day, Jan. 23.

Curtis in top spot

FORMER Skeena Cellulose woods manager Derrick Curtis is the new president of the federal Conservative Skeena-Bulkley Valley constituency association.

The group held its annual general meeting Nov. 27.

Curtis takes the place of Jim Bell, who is now the association's treasurer.

And the group expects Colleen Davis to take on the role of secretary, says Bell. "She's the most experienced," he said.

That's because Davis was a constituency assistant to former Alliance MP Andy Burton, who was defeated by Nathan Cullen in the 2004 election.

She was also Conservative candidate Mike Scott's assistant when he was the MP here from 1993 to 2000.

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Greens have a candidate

FIRST-TIME federal election candidate Phil Briennesse has received the Green Party nod and has joined the race for the Skeena-Bulkley riding.

From Smithers where he is the food and beverage manager at the Hudson Bay Lodge, Briennesse isn't exactly a newcomer to politics.

He ran unsuccessfully for Smithers town council two municipal elections ago.

Briennesse has two goals, one he has is attainable and the other he "is shooting for."

"My goal I know we will accomplish is to increase the votes the Green Party got in the riding [last time] by 50 per cent."

However, he said he was still shooting toward unseating NDP incumbent Nathan Cullen.

Acknowledging a Green election victory is unlikely, Briennesse says he'll actively pursue voters.

"I think it's possibly an 80 per cent chance we are looking at a minority government. In that situation a Green candidate will have a lot of sway," he said.

Skeena-Bulkley riding issues that he will be campaigning on will be development such as the proposed Enbridge pipeline and proposed the Blue Pearl moly mine on the side of Hudson

Bay Mountain in Smithers. "The Green Party talks about sustainability."

Although the Green Party are yet to release their platform for the coming election, Briennesse hinted towards a preventative health care policy.

"The main thing the Green party focuses on is health in-

stead of health care."

This could be achieved through improving air quality, leading to prevention as opposed to hospital costs, he said.

On splitting the left-leaning vote with NDP, Briennesse said the Greens could take as many votes from the Conservatives.

"I think there are some votes to be taken from environmental Conservatives," he said, adding that the Greens have "a good, sustainable fiscal policy."

Briennesse was the only person to put his name forward for the Green nomination in the Skeena-Bulkley riding.



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Top guys stake out ground

NDP INCUMBENT Nathan Cullen and Conservative challenger Mike Scott staked out different election ground last week.

Cullen urged voters to stay away from the Liberal and Green candidates, saying that only strengthens Scott's chances.

"I urge traditional Liberal and Green voters who know that Mike Scott, Stephen Harper and the Conservatives are wrong on the issues to this time consider voting NDP," said Cullen.

And he said Scott didn't have a sterling attendance record in Ottawa, claiming it was less than 50 per cent during Scott's previous stint as a two-term Reform/Canadian Alliance MP.

"For eight years, the voice of the people of the northwest was barely a whisper in Ottawa," said Cullen.

For his part, Scott drew a connection between himself and Phil Eidsvik, the executive director of the B.C. Fisheries Survival Coalition and the Conservative candidate in the lower mainland riding of Newton-North Delta.

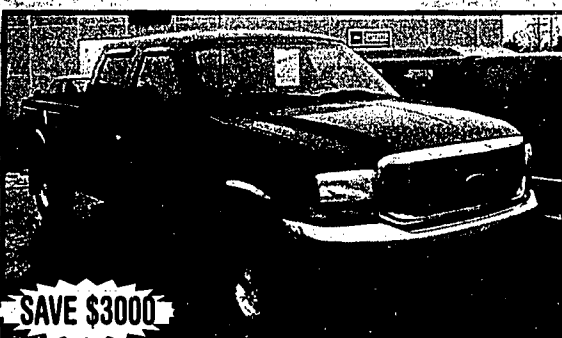
"I've worked very closely with him during my time in office and I know that he has a tremendous knowledge of the issues," said Scott.

Eidsvik has flown the Canadian flag upside down and has opposed native-only commercial catch systems, saying they are a form of workplace racism.

Scott said the federal Liberal government has done little to stop the Alaskan commercial fishery from taking B.C. salmon stocks while B.C. boats are tied up at the docks.

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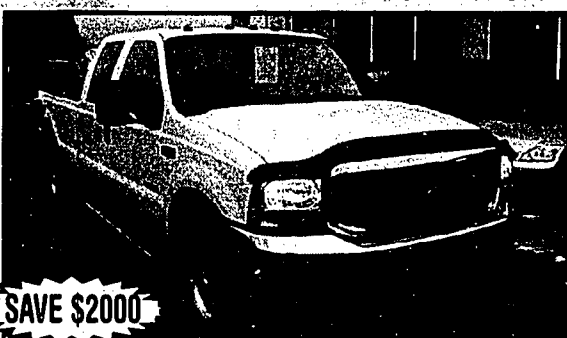
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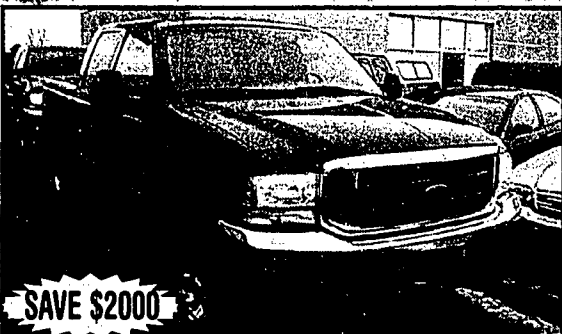
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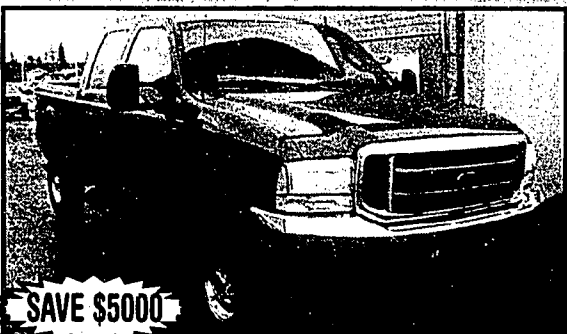
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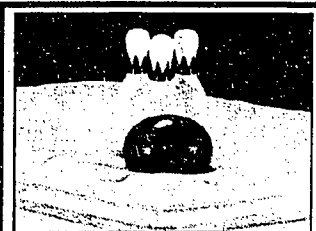


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Gov't gives money to schools

By DUSTIN QUEZADA

MONEY SAVED by the Ministry of Education during the October teachers' strike is coming back to the school district and to individual schools.

In two separate announcements last week, the ministry committed \$76 million of the \$126 million it saved province-wide.

Each district will get its share based on enrolment numbers as of Sept. 30, 2005.

The first committed monies are \$20 million to address class size and composition as recommended by mediator Vince Ready and agreed to by the province and the B.C. Teachers' Federation.

Districts will receive \$35.83 per school-age student and with 5,748 students in the Coast Mountains School District, its portion will be \$205,965.

Teachers unions and school district administrators must agree on how the money will be spent and their plans have to be forwarded to the education ministry by Dec. 16.

Veralynn Munson, president of the Terrace and District Teachers' Union met with school district assistant superintendent Rob Greenwood last week and the pair will meet again tomorrow before drafting a spending plan.

Munson said they looked at data from elementary schools last week and would do the same for secondary schools this week.

Until then, she says no decisions have been made but conceded emphasis would be placed on class composition rather than class sizes.

Greenwood agreed, saying the plan would focus on composition rather than class size because all agree it's a greater concern.

Class composition refers to the number of identified students — ones with learning or behavioural problems — that require additional help in any given class.

"We need more review on classroom data," Munson said. "We're in the process but it was very short notice."

The district has a little more time to detail to the ministry how it will spend the \$574,764 it was told late last week it would receive.

The district itself is getting half that — \$287,382 — and has until Jan. 10, 2006 to submit its spending plan with the ministry.

The other half will go to individual schools at \$50 per student.

Education minister Shirley Bond said the money, \$56 million province-wide, is the ministry's commitment to keep the savings from the teachers' dispute in the education system.

"The first priority for the district funding is for textbooks and learning resources," Bond said. "Schools will decide their priorities in consultation with school planning councils, parents and staff."

Coast Mountain board chair Lorrie Gowen said the ministry expects districts that have been vocal about needing new textbooks would be addressing that need.

"I imagine some of the money will go into textbooks," Gowen said, adding parents have joined the district in calling for new books.

All monies committed last week are to be spent by the end of the 2005-06 school year.

The province has more money to assign stemming from mediator Ready's report to equalize teacher wage scales across the province and to establish a common pay scale for substitute teachers.



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Mills renovations, expansion continues

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES on a \$1.9-million project to move Mills Memorial Hospital's four-bed intensive care unit (ICU) down from the second floor to a new location right beside the emergency room (ER).

An early spring 2006 completion date is scheduled for the project, which includes a renovation of the ER, says Bruce Nicholls who is in charge of maintenance at Mills.

"You're going to see quite an improvement," said Nicholls of the work.

But it's going to require a bit of juggling beforehand to not only continue the work but to continue the hospital's normal services, he added.

"When the new ICU is finished, the ER will move into there while the renovations to the existing ER take place," he said. "Then the ER will move back and the ICU move down."

Also scheduled for a move is the hospital's chemotherapy clinic. It's now located just behind the current ER but will be moved upstairs.

"It'll be a much quieter space," said Nicholls.

Offices for visiting specialists, now located just off of the hospital's main waiting room, will also be moved upstairs.

The project is 40 per cent cost shared with the North West Regional Hospital District. The work at Mills continues a series of improvements in a relatively short period of time. The psychiatric unit has been renovated and a kidney dialysis clinic was constructed on the main floor in what was once the hospital's administrative wing. Those offices have now been moved elsewhere on the main floor.



BRIAN HAMILTON of Westcana Electric works on the complicated wiring that's part of Mills Memorial Hospital's intensive care unit and emergency room construction and renovation project. The work is to be completed by early next spring.

Red Cross leaves Atlin

AFTER MORE than 50 years of providing a medical service in the far northwestern B.C. community of Atlin, the Red Cross is turning over the job to another agency.

As of Dec. 15, the two nurses working at what's now called the Atlin Outpost Hospital and the facility itself come under the jurisdiction of the Northern Health Authority.

"The Red Cross used to have about 40 such outposts across the country but they have gradually been phasing out of this service. The last six such outposts are in B.C.," said David Plug of the Provincial Health Services Authority, which has been a temporary home for the outpost while regional authorities get ready to assume control.

Plug said the Northern Health Authority will get the same amount of money as did the Red Cross to run the outpost.

There are 550 people in Atlin and the Red Cross has operated a medical outpost there since 1954.

The nearest hospital is in Whitehorse, Yukon and three doctors make visits from there to see patients in Atlin.

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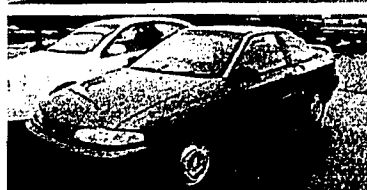
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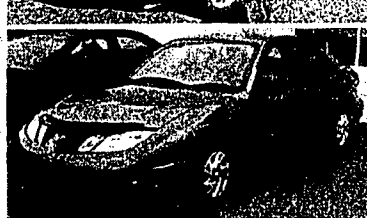
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BUSINESS REVIEW

Forest company heads endorse safety qualification

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

A LOCAL FALLER is applauding a move by the heads of B.C.'s top 10 forest companies to require that contractors they hire must become qualified under a program soon to be rolled out through the B.C. Forest Safety Council.

The 'Qualified Companies' program requires a third party audit of the health and safety programs of companies in addition to providing rebates on WorkSafe BC (formerly the WCB) rates.

The decision to endorse the program was made Dec. 2 during what has been called an unprecedented meeting of the CEOs of the province's largest forestry companies. The move is expected to weed out companies Terrace-based faller and president of the Western Fallers Association Mike McKibbin calls "bad actors".

He says it's those companies, ones that are alleged to routinely ignore safety regulations in the bush, that the new program will target.

"These guys – they're out there working with no programs, no health and safety program in place, they just don't give a damn," he says.

"These guys will no longer be working in British Columbia – that's great."

While the program itself has been under development for some time by the B.C. Forest Safety Council and isn't expected to be rolled out until January with companies coming on board by the fall, says Tanner Elton, president of the B.C. Forest Safety Council.

Having the major forestry companies in B.C. endorse it is critical.

"Let's face it, this 'Qualified Companies' is the umbrella over everything this council is doing," McKibbin says. "It's the only way it's going to work."

Both Canfor and Interfor, which employ companies in Terrace, were among the companies to endorse the program.

"If they were to go in and take this in to somebody like Ian Munson (Bear Creek Contracting)...he would just breeze right through this, he would get his qualifications," posits McKibbin.

Bear Creek Contracting already has an extensive safety program in place.

"There are some people up in Terrace who are operating who won't get it, they won't have a chance," McKibbin says.

Paying to develop the safety programs the qualified companies program will require will likely fall on the shoulders of the individual companies, but the audits will be tailored to suit both large and small companies.

The program is based on a successful one implemented in the Alberta oil patch after that industry suffered high fatality rates. The move by the CEOs is a response to high fatality rate in the province.

So far this year 42 people have died in the forest industry. From Oct. 7 to Dec. 8, eight workers have been killed in less than nine weeks.

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Around Town

Christmas call out

CRANK UP the Christmas carols, grab some eggnog and get your fingertips ready to type.

The Terrace Standard is getting set to power up its on line Christmas Greetings section – a tradition our readers look forward to every year.

It's your chance to send holiday greetings to Terrace Standard readers near and far through our web site.

We've already started posting them online at www.terracestandard.com

If you're a reader from afar, perhaps an ex-Terrace resident who has moved away or is travelling overseas, tell us where you are, what you're doing and how you'll be spending the holiday season. Feel free to include any special memories you have of Terrace and don't forget to mention friends back in Terrace you'll be thinking of this season.

If you're a Terrace reader, this is your chance to send out a Christmas greeting to friends who have moved away but follow the Terrace news on line.

Don't forget to include a fun digital photo of yourself or your family with your e-mail greeting.

Send us your holiday greetings by e-mail to newsroom@terracestandard.com – make sure to put "Christmas Greetings" in the subject line.

We'll also publish as many of your Christmas greetings as we can in our Dec. 21 print edition.

Candy cane checkstop

TERRACE'S EMERGENCY responders extend their holiday greetings and announce the start of a new campaign that will feature checkpoints at busy roadways Dec. 19 from 4-7 p.m.

These checkpoints will be manned by local firefighters, police and paramedics who'll be handing out candy canes to each occupant of the vehicle as well as safe messages reminding motorists to buckle up, use good winter tires and not to drink and drive this holiday season. "Let's not meet by accident."

The Terrace Ambulance Paramedics Society is approaching local businesses and asking for donations of candy canes to help the campaign. Anything local businesses can donate will be appreciated, with any leftovers going to the local food bank.

Contact the society as soon as possible and a thank-you in advance is extended for the community's help.

Call Cheryl at 638-8898.

Wrapping for a cause

PEOPLE IN Afghanistan and India will be the beneficiaries this weekend at the Skeena Mall when local home-schoolers and others wrap Christmas presents.

The Afghanistan project is being organized by Terrace resident Heather Bellamy and is to construct a park in an area being repopulated by refugees.

The park will contain quiet places but will also have a green house and large garden to generate income for workers who will mainly be orphans and women.

Bamiyan Park is to be five acres in size and continues Bellamy's work in Afghanistan with orphans and women.

The project in India is called the Dalit Freedom Network and Dalit is the name of the lowest of the caste groups in that country. The project provides financial and other assistance to the Dalit caste members.

Formed in 2002, the network's assistance includes education, medical care, economic development and human rights support.

The gift wrapping at the Skeena Mall takes place Dec. 16-18 for 12 hours each day by members of the local Aglow International Terrace Lighthouse, home-school students from the Traditional Learning Academy and Waaps Nagwaadm.

Students will also be selling bookmarks they have produced and Christmas carols will be sung.

Hamper deadline

DECEMBER 14 – anyone who's missed out on registering for a Salvation Army food hamper has another chance today from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the soup kitchen. I.D. and proof of address is required.



Tie one on

TRISH Connaughton (third from left) is joined by community stakeholders as she ties a red ribbon on a car antenna to promote Mothers Against Drunk Driving's Project Red Ribbon campaign on now until Jan. 2. DUSTIN QUEZADA PHOTO

Youth turn fortunes around

By DUSTIN QUEZADA

AS THE Christmas shopping season hits full stride, the Skeena Mall's manager is finding out just how indispensable a few helping hands can be.

You may have seen the young helpers, dressed in the blue or white T-shirts of the Skeena Mall Ambassadors.

Judi Hannon, the mall's manager, says the youth are part of a program that started in September that is administered by Interconnect.

"We wanted to help the youth improve their image at the mall," said Hannon, who gave the program a space in the mall for free.

Targeting 15- to 30-year-old clients who have little or no work experience, employment counsellor Dana Schwenning has set up shop in the mall.

There, she helps walk-in clients and those who phone in with a variety of services, like improving resumes, professionalism and interview skills, aimed at increasing their chances of landing work.

Schwenning also conducts workshops with a goal to translate volunteer work to market skills to professionals.

And that's what the mall ambassadors are all about.

Young people interested in the program sit down with Schwenning for an "intake chat" to identify what their needs are and how to reach them.

Then Hannon interviews them, and if she feels the fit is right, she goes on to give the new ambassadors an orientation and objectives.



GOOD AMBASSADOR: Barbra McLean, a Skeena Mall Ambassador, stops shoppers Marianne and Murphy Stanley for a chat in the mall during its busy December season. DUSTIN QUEZADA PHOTO

Hannon says she hasn't turned down a willing participant yet.

So far, there have been 10 different young people volunteering for the program, and there's no shortage of things to keep them busy in their four to 12 hours of weekly work.

For customers, they help them with their bags, offer directions, hand out coupons, check coats and wrap gifts.

For mall businesses, the ambassadors do anything from helping with displays, window washing and stocking to any menial tasks

called for.

Hannon says the volunteers are identified by their T-shirts and are quickly becoming a hot commodity.

Not only have they taken pride in the mall and their positions within it, but customers and business owners are realizing it's a good thing.

"It's getting to the point where stores are fighting over them," Hannon said.

Barbra McLean, a bubbly 24-year old, first discovered the help Schwenning has to offer in August.

She got help with her

resume and interview skills and eventually did a job shadow in one of the mall's stores.

"It was a big boost for my self-esteem and confidence," McLean said of the tasks, such as customer service, cashier and stocking, she was entrusted to do.

Lynette Woods, 23, came to get help with her resume in October and found out through Schwenning about the ambassadors job.

The shy Woods also says she has gained confidence and last week she started a job shadow at Penningtons.

Not only does the mall ambassador program boost confidence, it gets those people willing to work some exposure to market themselves.

So far, three of the 10 young people have already gone on to find paid employment with area businesses.

"When they come back and say, 'Hey, my first paycheck!' it allows us to celebrate too," added Hannon.

It's safe to say the program, funded through Service Canada, has accomplished its target for both the clients and the mall.

Bus shelter a collaborative effort

THE KITSSELAS First Nation's Gitau subdivision just off of Hwy 16 east of Terrace has a new bus shelter thanks to a program managed by Northwest Community College.

The timber frame shelter was first put together inside the college's carpentry workshop, taken apart and then trucked to the subdivision where it was placed on a concrete pad.

Money for the project came from a joint venture between the Kitselas and the college in which people from Kitselas received timber frame and instruction in basic carpentry construction.

The project was managed by trades instructor Dick Coxford and the shelter was one of several major efforts undertaken this year.

Other projects included the construction of a wood frame 24x20 addition to the Scouts' building and the construction of a smaller shelter for smokers at the Kermod Friendship Centre.

"I usually have half a dozen projects per class," explains Coxford of the activity in the 16-week program



COLLEGE carpentry students proudly show their finished work that will provide shelter for Gitau subdivision residents seeking a cover from the elements. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

offered by the college.

Students received academic instruction and the construction projects provide practical experience.

"What we do is a mock up at the college, tear it down and re-assemble it on site," says Coxford.

He places non-profit group re-

quests at the top of his projects list, with the group providing the material.

Other projects included smaller garden sheds ranging in size from 10x12 to 12x16 where those who wanted them also provided the material.

Aside from college students, Coxford also accepts Grade 11 and 12 students who can take the 16-week course as part of their high school completion Dogwood certificate requirements.

"This way they can get a jump start on a trades program," Coxford explains.

"Carpentry is the only program we offer here that fits in with the high school schedule."

So far, he's expecting four high school students – two from Smithers and two from Terrace – for the next carpentry program which begins in February.

Other high school students from Terrace also take carpentry instruction at the college on Friday, the day Caledonia is closed due to the four-day week.

Band work far from the pits

SUBMITTED By

ANNIE GREENWOOD

EVEN THOUGH I went to the Caledonia Secondary production of Guys and Dolls all three nights, I barely saw a thing.

You might think that I had the misfortune to be seated behind someone who was extremely tall, or that people were wearing giant hats in the theatre, but that wasn't the case.

I was providing musical accompaniment from the pit.

Terrace has the extreme fortune of being home to so many artistically gifted individuals. Everyone's heard that statement a million times, but it couldn't be more true.

Caledonia Senior Secondary is able to put on a complete musical. It is complete in the sense that not only are there people on stage and in the pit, but there are great sets, the stage-makeups for the actors, extraordinary costumes, and all the little things.

The people who teach us are indescribable. Who else would take on such a huge and possibly disastrous task? Mr. Geoff Parr and Mrs. Robin MacLeod attempt the impossible and succeed, year after year.

I've been on stage. Being in band and music programs allows me to perform on stage, both in a group and as a soloist.

I've also played in a pit band before, for both of the Terrace Little Theatre's pantomimes. I found the main difference between being in

the pit and on stage is that people can see you onstage.

The invisibility the pit provides can be fun during rehearsals. We get to talk or do homework any time we're not playing. Unlike the people on stage, we don't have to wear costumes.

Sure, at the show we dress in all black, but it can be comfortable and warm in black clothing. We have less to learn and worry about. None of our music has to be memorized, so we learn the actors' lines. This year we went high-tech with a computer network and wireless high-speed internet.

Like everything, there are hazards to being a pit band. For one thing, we have to step into the pit. I'd say it's about a five out of 10 on the highly scientific difficulty

scale I've developed.

Stepping into the pit while wearing three-inch heels? Definitely a seven out of 10. Getting in to the pit is an acrobatic art that shouldn't be attempted while holding an expensive instrument.

An unexpected problem presented itself when the seat of a chair broke in half at one of the shows after we had all stepped on it in order to get in. Not only did someone have to sit in it until intermission, but we had to find a chair during intermission while we were supposed to be backstage.

Everyone in the musical spends the two weeks prior to opening night in a haze. Rehearsals go from 3:45 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., or whenever we finish.

Families work around



Annie Greenwood

someone's involvement, and the student works around the musical to finish homework, eat and sleep.

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CITY SCENE

Clubs & pubs

ARTFUL CUP: Open mic night Saturdays.
GEORGE'S PUB: Sugarfoot Dec. 16-17; Semi Chronic Dec. 30-31 (tickets now on sale for New Year's Eve); Canucks pay-per-view Dec. 31, Jan. 4, 10, 14, 2006.

HANKY'S: Tues. karaoke, free foosball/Wed. karaoke, free pool/Thurs. college games night/Fri.-Sat. dance music & door prizes/Sunday 8 p.m. to midnight music jams. A great opportunity to network with fellow musicians in a friendly atmosphere. All you need is your instrument because there's sound equipment, lighting, a drum kit and all the amps you'll need.

THORNHILL PUB: Karaoke Sunday nights
THE TERRACE LEGION: Saturdays meat draw 4-6 p.m.

Cinema

■ **Water**, Canadian filmmaker Deepa Mehta's final installment in a trilogy about women in India. Preceded by the acclaimed *Fire* and *Earth* and set amidst the social turbulence of 1930s India, *Water* deals with the plight of a group of widows in the ancient Hindu holy city of Varanasi. In Hindi with English subtitles. Part of the Terrace Not Paris Film Series. Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$8.



LISA Ray stars in Deepa Mehta's critically acclaimed *Water*, which plays tonight at the Tillicum Twin Theatres.

Live music

■ **Shane Phillipe**, didgeridoo and acoustic guitar playing entertainer, brings his rhythmic energy to the Kiva Cafe Friday, Dec. 16 from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets \$10 adults/\$8 students and seniors. Bring your dancing shoes!

■ **The Eccelstons**, formed by brother and sister, Kelt and Colleen Eccelston, and their "adopted" brother Greg Madill, blends the spirit of an Atlantic Canadian kitchen party

with the beauty of a warm Pacific summer's night. The stage pulses with harmony in their amazing original songs, and in the fresh-found delight of traditional Celtic songs rediscovered. Joining The Eccelstons is Iyonna Hernandez, one of Canada's hottest young performers. Friday, Jan. 13 at 8 p.m. at the REM Lee Theatre. Part of the Terrace Concert Society's 2005-06 season.

Theatre

■ **Terrace Little Theatre's** youth troupe presents Santa's Magical Workshop Saturday, Dec. 17 from noon to 5 p.m. at McColl Playhouse. Donations to the food or toy drive. Come see how hard Santa and his helpers are working!

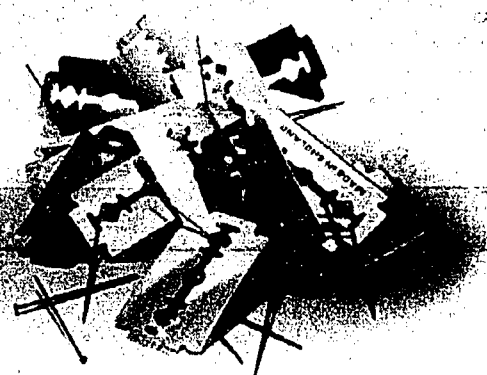
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■ **Heritage Park Museum** hosts a Christmas celebration on Thursday, Dec. 15 between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. There will be music in the dance hall, hot chocolate, lots of Christmas lights and good spirit, and of course, Santa! The jolly old fellow will be arriving at 6:30. Don't miss out this holiday season, come and enjoy an evening of cheer. Admission is \$2 for adults, children free. Please call the museum at 635-4546 for information.

Fax your event to make the Scene at 638-8432. Deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

DEC. 12-24
The Terrace Art Gallery will be open daily each afternoon from Dec. 12 to 24 for your Christmas shopping. Check out the work of local artisans or pick up unique cards for that special person on your list.

DEC-JAN 2006
Kitimat Centennial Museum presents an exhibition of memorabilia, including photographs, scrapbooks, tickets, programmes and posters, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Kitimat Concert Association. Through Jan. 14, 2006.

THURSDAY, DEC. 15
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DEC. 16-18
The Skeena Mall Project is a three-day fundraiser for Heather Bellamy's project in Afghanistan and the Dalit Freedom Network in India. The mall's community room is the venue Dec. 16-18 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. for Christmas gift wrapping, carol singing and selling of homemade bookmarks. Call 635-1935, 635-1155, 638-0514 or 615-3879.

TUESDAY, DEC. 20
The George Little House hosts the last Clara's Tea of 2005 on Tuesday, Dec. 20 from 2-4 p.m. Call 638-8887 for reservations.

TUESDAY, DEC. 27
Support After Suicide, presents a Christmas recovery memory collage. A special support group for families grieving the loss of a loved one over the Christmas holidays. Creating a memory collage, giving comfort, sharing, remembering and understanding. Tuesday, Dec. 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Stepping Stones Clubhouse #102-4450 Greig Ave. Call Joset at 638-1347.

PSAs
The Good Food Box distribution day is Thursday, Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. Families who have signed up need to pick up their box at the location they signed up for. Locations are: Skeena Kalum Housing (4611 Haugland), the Skeena Health Unit Auditorium (3412 Kalum), the Walsh Apartments (#111-4931 Walsh) and Thornhill Primary School (3860 Paquette Ave.) For info call 638-1863.

Skeena Family Resources present free programs for parents and children under 6 at Kitselas on Queensway, Skeena Kalum Housing and at Kitsumkalum. Parent connection, information workshops for parents and fun activities for kids. Tuesdays to Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m. Transportation is available. Everyone welcome. Call 635-7087 for information or transportation.

The Artful Cup hosts Stitch 'n Bitch, co-ed knitting circle every Thursday from 7:30-9 p.m. Sewing and crochet also welcome with people on hand to teach. For more info call Renee at 615-9383.

The Pacific Northwest Music Festival's 2006 syllabus is now available at Sight and Sound. Event registration deadline is Jan. 15, 2006.

The Healing Touch Association of Terrace offers free treatments to the public at the Knox United Church from 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month starting Oct. 17 (except stat holidays). Sessions are by donation. To book your appointment or for info, call 635-8892.

Terrace Toastmasters is now meeting on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the firehall conference room. Next meetings scheduled for Dec. 14, Jan. 11 and 25, 2006. Always open to new members. Call Bob 638-0923 or Rolf 635-6911 for info.

Mills Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop has Christmas merchandise, decorations and lights in stock. Located at 4544 Lazelle Ave., open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday. The Auxiliary is always looking for new members

interested in helping raise funds for the hospital and Terraceview Lodge.

Support After Suicide support group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month to tell each other's stories and begin healing. Support is provided by people who have walked the same path. Stepping Stone Clubhouse #102, 4450 Greig Ave. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Call Joset at 638-1347 for details.

Alanon meets every Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Womens' Centre.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings every night of the week. Call 635-6533. N/A meetings 7:30 p.m. Saturdays at the education room at the hospital. Call Tony at 798-2598.

Girl Guides of Canada in Terrace is looking for volunteers! If you would like to be a Girl Guide leader or on District Council call Lia at 635-3868.

Royal Canadian Legion is appealing to members and their spouses for auxiliary volunteers to help prepare vegetables and pie crusts once a month for steak night and to help with dishes. If interested please phone 635-4862.

Skeena Square Dancers welcome all ages from 16-90 on Monday nights at the Carpenter's Hall to Apr. 31, 2006. Beginner dancer session from 7-8 p.m. and 7:30-9:30 p.m. for mainstream dancers. Beginners dance for a toonie, mainstream dancers for \$5/night. Call Ron 638-8316 or Diana 638-1626 for information.

Sweet Adeline's Pacific Mist Chorus holds choir practice at Cassie Hall School's music room on Thursdays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. For info, call Vic 635-6905 or Trudi 635-0056.

Terrace Emergency Shelter accepts donations of used clothing - coats, gloves, socks, sweaters, hats - anything to help keep those less fortunate warm and dry. Donations can be dropped off at Ksan House Society office at 4724 Lazelle Ave. or at the shelter at 2812 Hall St. anytime.

The Kitsumkalum Prenatal Program is dedicated to offering support and enhancing positive lifestyle and nutrition choices before, during and after pregnancy. Donations of baby or maternity clothes for clients always accepted. Please call Catherine at 615-8132 for info or pick-up.

Terrace Big Brothers and Big Sisters are people who have found a rewarding and meaningful relationship with a child. They spend a couple of hours a week opening up a new world of experiences for a child. It's easier than you might think to get involved. For more information call 635-4232.

Does your loved one have a brain disorder such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression, panic/anxiety disorder, personality disorder or OCD? For free information and/or support call Northwest B.C. Schizophrenia coordinator in Terrace at 635-8206 or toll free: 1-866-7877 (FAM-SUPP). Or attend the Terrace Support Group on the third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December) at 7:30 p.m. at #102-4450 Greig Ave.

Soup Kitchen, operating every Monday from 12:15-1:30 p.m. at the Kermode Friendship Society, 3313 Kalum St. Enjoy a hot bowl of soup and a bun! Call Angela or Louisa at 635-4906.

Terrace Emergency Shelter and Hostel is promoting a Root Cellar Project, looking for any amount of root vegetables for donation. Drop-offs can be made anytime at 2812 Hall St. Phone Blaine at 635-5890 for information.

A Men's Healing Circle meets Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at Ksan House Society, at 4724 Lazelle Ave. For more information, please call 635-2373.

The Terrace Amnesty International Action Circle meets on the last Wednesday of every month at the Kiva Cafe at 5:30 p.m. Anyone welcome.

The Terrace Writers Guild meets the last Tuesday of every month at Cafenara. Come network with other writers, share goals, markets and tips. Newcomers are welcome. Call Sarah at 638-8899 for details.

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 Nov. 16, 2005 at 2:43 p.m.
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January 13, 2006

The Eccelstons with Iyonna Hernandez. Blend the spirit of an Atlantic Canadian kitchen party with the beauty of a warm Pacific summer night. "sparkling, infectious entertainment." 8:00 p.m. Terrace Concert Society. Tickets available online at: www.terraceconcertsociety.org or call: (250) 635-5603

January 21, 2006

Technician's Course. For those interested in volunteering at the REM Lee Theatre, this course will give you a basic understanding of sound and lighting consoles, hanging lights and setting up microphones. 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. The course is free but seats are limited. Please call 635-2101 to register.

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City loses artist, friend

My friend Casey Braam

I AM very sad, as I have lost a very dear and wonderful friend, Casey Braam.

I had known Casey for some time now and he became very special to me. Almost everyone in Terrace knows Cornelius "Casey" Braam - we will miss him dearly.

Cornelius Casey Braam, (well known local artist) passed away suddenly Sunday, Nov. 27, 2005.

Over the last few months, we as friends had seen Casey's health failing and had worried about him.

On Friday, Nov. 25, Casey phoned me after he had been up town at Red Raven for his usual visit. And while there, he became ill and went home.

Later that evening, he was taken by ambulance to Mills Memorial Hospital. After a lot of tests taken all day Saturday, Casey was flown by medivac to Vancouver but



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did not pull through emergency surgery.

Casey died early Sunday morning Nov. 27 in Vancouver General Hospital.

Cornelius "Casey" Braam was born Oct. 7, 1924 in Sassenheim, Holland. As a young fellow of 15, he worked in the bulb fields in the summer. Winter work was mostly in bulb houses to clean everything for the next season.

In 1939, these bulb houses were taken over by the Dutch Army to mobilize; the one Casey worked in had over 300 soldiers.

The Germans came across the Dutch border by many means of transportation - the most dangerous by aircraft. Once, while Casey was on his way to work on his bicycle, he was shot at from a low-flying plane.

Casey often told about how the Dutch people died because of hunger and his own family lived on tulip bulbs - the only thing left to eat.

Yes, life growing up in Holland was very rough, but Casey still had many fond memories and stories to tell. Casey was introduced to drawing when he was a youngster in Sassenheim.

After supper, night after night, his father drew and Casey and his brother and six sisters all drew the same thing on a small blackboard. All the children became artistic in one way or another. Casey is well known for his pen and ink heritage drawings.

On Sept. 7, 1948, Casey married his wife Philippina (Pinie); they were thrilled when their first child Marianne was born August 1949 and Ralph in 1951.

They began to think about immigrating to Canada. In 1952, Casey, Pinie and the two children left Holland and made the move of their life.

Interestingly, a story told by Casey is of his wife's wedding dress; it was made of parachute cloth, a parachute they bought, finest silk cloth available after the war.

It took 13 days by ship (named Zuiderkruis), dealing with high seas, storms and a lot of seasickness. Followed by nearly a week on a train, they arrived in Creston, B.C.

There was a new lan-



CASEY Braam, circa April 2004, visits Red Raven where he was a member and frequent visitor. Many of the late prolific artist's work have been displayed at the store in the Skeena Mall.

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guage to learn, a new church to worship in, new customs and a new job for Casey in a strawberry farm that also had a small sawmill there. At this time, as with most immigrants, the names changed as well to Casey and Pinie.

In May 1953, their first Canadian child, Janette, was born.

Everyone soon learned the English language and began to adjust to their new life in Canada.

But they were longing to be near family, and having relatives living in Terrace, they packed up the old Hudson and moved here in the spring of 1954.

Casey found work at Ernie Sande's mill and rented a house on Agar Avenue. First born in Terrace, cute little Yvonne born 1955, son John 1956.

With more children, a larger place was found at 4518 Sparks. They purchased five acres of land at the end of north Sparks for \$100. It was nothing but bush, with many, many hours of work, lots of cheap or free lumber from Sande's Mill and help from family and church friends they built their home, which Casey lived in until his death.

They had a wood stove and a water pump in the creek and an old wringer washer with a clothesline and an outhouse out back.

It took courage and a lot of hard work to raise a family of eight children but the family had many good times, with a lot of fond memories.

Son Harold was born 1958; he helped fill the house. The family was kept busy with cleaning, gardening and raising a few animals.

The children loved their new home and could be found a few miles from the house playing in the woods.

Life in Terrace was a happy time for the Braam family. Casey often spoke of how they loved Canada,

and he said both he and his wife Pinie were very proud to have become Canadian citizens.

The house was not full enough, though! Phyllis, a baby girl with beautiful eyes and a Canadian version of Philipina, was born in 1962. Casey and Pinie had another child, son Gordon, born in 1967.

As precious as their children were, they were not enough to fill the five acres at 4518 North Sparks; over the years, dogs, cats, chickens, pigs, ducks, doves and even guinea pigs made their home there. A squirrel even lived in the attic one winter.

After Casey retired from Skeena Cellulose in 1987, he spent many hours in his art studio drawing; as told by the family, he has produced in excess of 1000 pieces of art work.

In Terrace, Casey was very involved in the community.

A longtime member of the Christian Reformed Church, he was active in the building, not only the church, but also the Centennial Christian School and the beautiful little Usk Chapel.

Casey was also a very active member of Red Raven - an original member from the very beginning. Almost every day, you could find Casey there having coffee and telling his stories; he was very loved by everyone there.

Casey was a very valuable member of the Terrace Regional Historical Society - he will be greatly missed

not only for his art work but for his knowledge of the local history. For those who have visited the Terrace Heritage Park Museum, you must have seen the beautiful riverboat drawings by Casey.

Since the time Casey and his wife Pinie came to Terrace in 1954, they both worked together in the community that they loved so dearly.

Many times they told of the love they had for Canada. What wonderful Canadian citizens they became.

And for Terrace, the community has lost a great artist and a wonderful and honest citizen. What a loss.

As a friend, like many others, we will miss him and say thank you to his family for sharing their beautiful father and grandfather with everyone.

What a legacy Casey has left behind.

On Casey's 80th birthday, I shared a helicopter ride overlooking the beautiful valley - a gift from the family - what an honor.

Predeceased by his loving wife Philippina June 28, 2002, Casey leaves his eight children: Marianne, Ralph, Janette, Yvonne, John, Harold, Phyllis and Gordon; 14 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and many, many friends.

A funeral service was held at Terrace Christian Reformed Church Dec. 2, 2005. Casey was interred at the Terrace Municipal Cemetery next to his dear wife Philippina.

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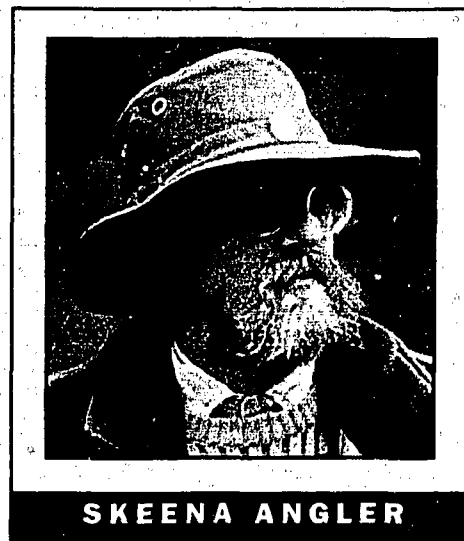
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SKEENA ANGLER

ROB BROWN

Of fish, flesh and fry

With the publication of *Cannibal Trout, Tying & Fishing Flesh Fry and Egg Flies* (Frank Amato Books), Andrew Williams has done west coast trout fishermen a real service by providing us with a concise, clearly written handbook on the how, where and why of appealing to the piscivorous inclinations of trout.

As any competent river angler knows, matching the hatch on the streams that drain coastal rainforests requires a number of fake fry flies. In *Cannibal Trout*, Williams has assembled a most impressive and the most comprehensive array of salmon fry imitations.

After describing the emergence of alevins and some of the rigours they must endure, Williams gives the recipe for Tommy Brayshaw's famous Egg'N'I, after some 70 years still a most effective alevin imitation.

Spare and simple to build, the Egg'N'I is, to my mind, one of the most elegant BC patterns. Williams, who is an excellent fly dresser, provides a clear picture of Brayshaw's patent, as he does with all the patterns in the book, so that the reader has a template when dressing his own example.

Though it wasn't intended as such, Williams suggests that Tom Murray's Rolled Muddler makes a fine alevin imitation.

He's right, but the two examples of the Rolled Muddler pictured have much too large a head spun from deer hair in the accepted manner for such dressings. Murray liked his fly tied very sparsely with a very small head tied in such a way that the red tying thread showed underneath it, which, he insisted, greatly contributed to the fly's efficacy.

Williams gives a trio of extremely complex and difficult modern alevin patterns that employ modern synthetic materials, which I suspect may be, or might become, hard to find.

It was a good idea to include Hugh Storey's Albino Alevin here. Hughey is a very good fisherman and innovative fly tier. I carry a number of his patterns in my wallet, including his alevin, and they are superb flies that underwent lengthy field tests before Hugh passed them on to me.

Each of the sections covering Pink, Chum, Sockeye, Coho and Chinook fry is headed by a fine coloured illustration of the little fish under discussion. These excellent drawings and the accompanying pictures will not only enable an angler to identify juvenile salmon in the streams he or she fishes, but will facilitate the construction of his or her own fraudulent fry.

Williams makes another nod toward tradition with the inclusion of Roderick Haig-Brown's fry patterns. Informed by the Atlantic Salmon Fly dressings of Britain, the Silver Brown, Silver Lady, Humpback Fry and General Fry are among the most beautiful of Canadian flies, as is amply shown in the fine dressings of them pictured in *Cannibal Trout*.

The product of much contemplation and experimentation on VanIsle streams, Haig-Brown's patterns are as good as they look. I still prefer them over more modern, ultra realistic patterns.

Haig-Brown was an impressionist when it came to fly design, believing that undulant materials and the suggestion of movement through the refraction of light was the key ingredient in provoking predatory instincts of trout. He persuaded me in Fisherman's Spring, and every season his patterns still bring me a satisfying number of trout and steelhead besides.

Haig-Brown recognized that the most meticulously manufactured copy of a bug or minnow was still a cartoonish character of the real item. This, and the stiffness of such counterfeits, he argued, made them poor fish attractors.

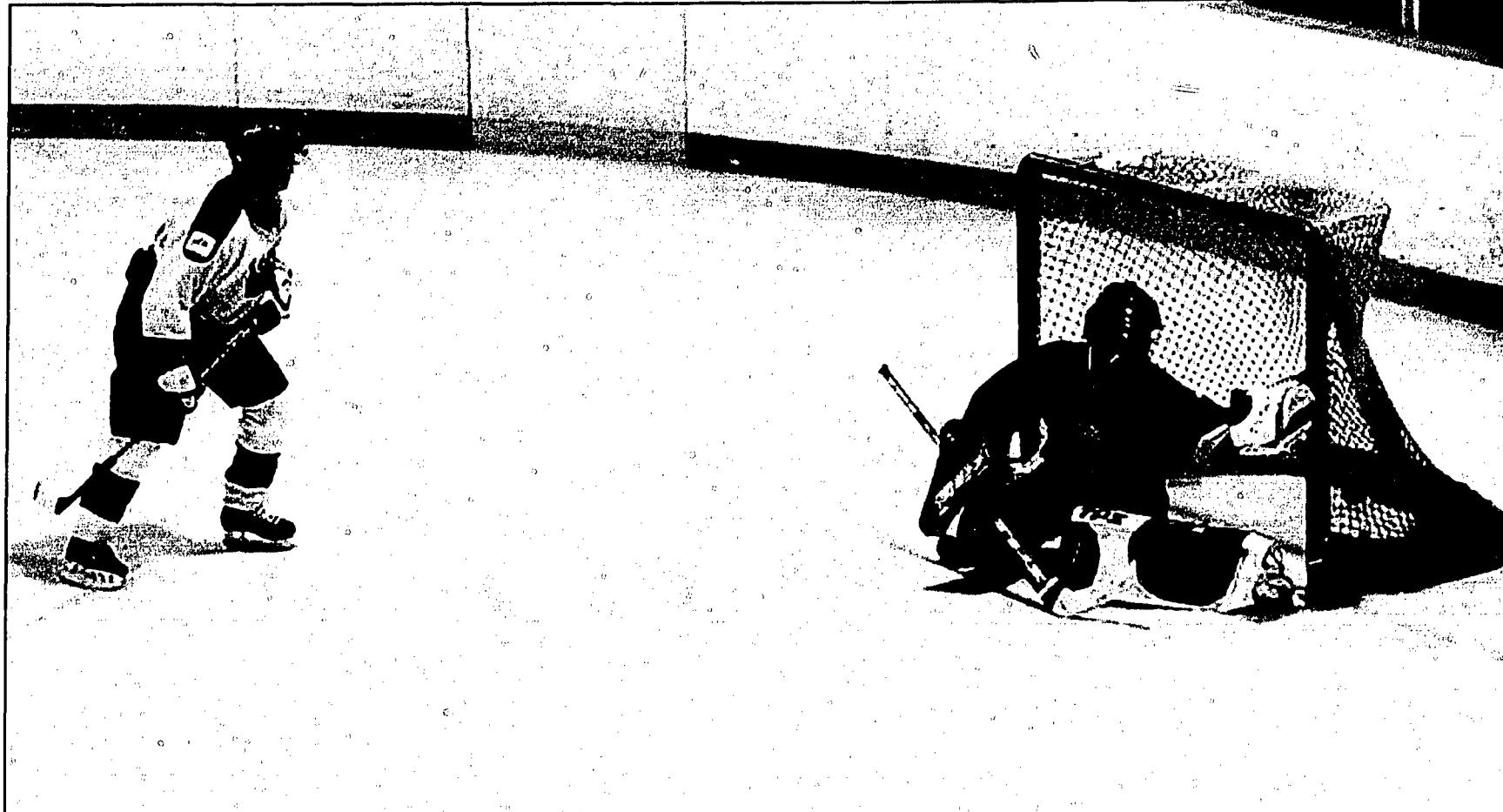
It's unlikely that the Chickabou flies shown here, fashioned of epoxy resin and bearing an uncanny resemblance to the real deals, would have met Haig-Brown's approval. But, Williams ties them well (in a well ventilated room, I hope) and catches fish with them.

Cannibal Trout is a garish title, inconsistent with the tone of the book. The title was the publisher's idea, motivated by the Wal-Mart mentality so prevalent in the States, where everything, it seems is discount driven and shaped by marketing.

Williams' book should have had a hard cover because among other things, it's a field guide, and should have been printed in pocket book format, like Art Flick's *Streamside Guide*, which in many ways it resembles.

The font chosen for the chapter headings is tacky and detracts from Williams' own illustrations. The cover photo of a grizzly ripping apart a salmon is superb, but out of place. And, where's the index? This is a handbook, a text. Texts need indices.

Fortunately, you can't tell a book by its cover. *Cannibal Trout* is proof of that.



RICHIE ROGERS assisted on the third of the River Kings' six goals against Steelhead netminder Chris Anderson Dec. 4 at the Terrace Arena. Unfortunately Smithers kept up with the scoring and the game ended in a six-all tie. RIVER KINGS WEBSITE PHOTO

Kings reel in Steelheads

By MARGARET SPEIRS

THE RIVER KINGS chowd down on Steelheads but had trouble catching them a second time.

Terrace filed Smithers 6-3 and then settled for a 6-6 tie.

The River Kings topped the shots on goal stats, slapping in 45 to the Steelheads' 32 during their winning game but only managed 31 attempts to Smithers' 37 in their second meeting.

Mario Desjardins netted four, Terry Zaporzan scored three goals and Troy Parkvam scored two over the weekend.

Rich Clair, Troy Kaye and Scott Mulder netted one each.

Despite the wind and rain, about 150 loyal fans took to the stands Sunday to cheer on the River Kings.

Smithers came out of the dressing room ready to fight in the third period.

They banged the puck around Craig Walsh but failed to score.

Smithers' Ian Smith sped around the Kings' net and landed a nice shot past Walsh, who stretched in vain to

stop it.

That tied the game 5-5 with 16:15 left.

Scott Mulder returned the puck back down the ice to score within two minutes to give the River Kings the go-ahead goal.

Players took turns trying to pass the puck, only to have it land on an opponent's stick.

When the puck finally slid in behind the net, several guys fought it out with Howie O'Brien clearing it out down the ice.

The Steelheads circled like sharks but with little luck.

A Steelhead slapshot missed the goal and another attempt from the point flew wide past Walsh.

A River Kings' pass landed on a Steelhead's stick, was slapped toward the net and flew neatly into Walsh's glove.

On another shot, Walsh came out of the net to cover up as both forwards headed toward him.

Finally the Steelheads' persistence paid off.

A weak shot sailed past Walsh to

be picked up by Toby Mitchell, who cleared it out around the corners near Steelhead Jerry Watson emerging from the bench onto the ice as the lines changed.

He smacked a shot over Walsh's left shoulder into the back of the net to tie it up at six with just over five minutes remaining.

After, Walsh acknowledged this as his last game for the season.

The young Hawkair airplane mechanic will travel to Manitoba to finish his apprenticeship for two months next year and return in March.

He hopes to return to the team next season.

"Obviously we'll miss Craig. He's been fairly solid all year," coach Trevor Hendry said.

He said the squad played a "little soft" in this game.

"Three out of four points is good but I kind of expect more from the guys now," he said.

"If you don't play with intensity, you're going get walked on," he said.

He said Terry Zaporzan's line, which includes Darcy Allison and Mario Desjardins, had a great game.

The team breaks until they attempt a second historic win against the Ice Demons here to end the month.

"Oh yeah. We're really looking forward to that," he said.

He expects to have a full roster for that game.

Corey Paulson will return along with Ivan Laschenko and Davey Jones, but that brings up the possibility that the fourth line, including Nathan McNamara and Andy Mcleary, won't get to play as much.

"Nate and Andy have been playing so well," Hendry said.

The River Kings take a break until they welcome back the Kitimat Ice Demons Dec. 29, which is also fan appreciation night.

A meet-and-greet session follows the game with an autograph session, beer garden and the chance to have your photo taken with your favourite player.

Bantams tackle northern teams

Larger players and major injuries challenge our squad in two tourneys

THE BANTAM REPS took their game to frozen Fort St. John for the opportunity to play against new teams to start the month.

Coach John Amos says the ice was fast thanks to -25 C outside and the steel arena that lacked insulation.

The bantams received a 8-0 shellacking from the "big Alberta farm boys" of Peace River, at least one of whom was 6'4" tall and 250 pounds.

"I asked the coach 'what are you feeding him' and he said 'pretty much what he wants,'" says Amos, who asked to see the player's identification as proof of his age.

The bantams failed to capitalize on their scoring chances and the northern Alberta team was ready to play.

They followed up with a 7-6 loss to Quesnel, after almost tying the game with any one of several empty net shots that bounced off the posts instead.

Reid Turner scored three and assisted on two. Scott Simpson scored two and had one assist. Joey Cormano scored once and Chapen Leblond made three assists.

Injuries nearly sidelined both Terrace goalies.

Garrett Muir was hurt against Quesnel after he made a save and someone drove a stick into his knee. He may be out for the rest of the season.

Devyn Ames had shoulder trouble.

"He toughed it out for two games so that was good. I told him he'd have to tough it out or else I'd put Alexa [Grant] in net," Amos says, adding Grant wasn't keen on the idea, preferring to stay on defence.

Terrace whipped host Fort St. John.

a AAA team, 6-3.

"We came out and played really well in that game," Amos says.

Simpson, Cormano, Leblond, Will Fisher, Ceasar Kenyon and Lee Muir shared the goal scoring.

Terrace made it to the game to decide third and fourth place, and lost to Peace River 5-4 in overtime.

Cormano scored twice, Leblond once with two assists and Reid Turner scored one and assisted on one.

Amos says the squad missed the chance to play Whitehorse, who received a bye to the provincials, but may see them in Kitimat in January.

The bantams finished in fourth place, pleasing the coaching staff but disappointing themselves.

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In the previous weekend of play in Burns Lake, the bantams won two.

The team lost to their hosts 5-3, murdered Fort St. James 20-2 and skated past Smithers 4-3.

They lost a spot in the finals to Smithers on goals for and against.

Over the weekend, Joey Cormano put away seven, Lee Muir netted four, Reid Turner and Colton Dunsmore notched three apiece, Ben Reinbolt, Scott Simpson, Ceasar Kenyon and Kyle Holtom scored two each and one goal each came from Will Fisher and Kevin Haworth.

Lee Muir racked up a total of nine points and Joey Cormano had eight.

The players were disappointed to miss the final, he says.

The bantams play in Smithers this weekend before breaking for the holidays.



Puck handler

AMBER FAGAN prepares to "shoot for loot" in the second intermission at the River Kings game in the arena Dec. 4.

MARGARET SPEIRS PHOTO

Leading the pack

AS OF Dec. 6, the River Kings stood alone in first place in the CIHL standings with 22 points, ahead of Houston in second with 16 points, Smithers in third with 15 and fourth place Kitimat with 13.

With Houston due to play four games during the River Kings' break, the Luckies could move within two points of Terrace if victorious.

Smithers and Kitimat each have two games in hand. Wins for the Steelheads could place them within three points of Terrace.

River Kings held the top three scoring spots: Darcy Allison led the league with eight goals and 21 assists for 29 points, Mario Desjardins followed with 15 goals, 11 assists and 26 points and Terry Zaporzan nailed down third spot with 11 goals, 12 assists and 23 points.

Burny Carlsen's 2.75 goals against average, .889 save percentage and 5-1-2 record closely trailed Houston goalie Don Kenzle's 2.71 goals against average, .883 save percentage and 4-1-2 record.

Craig Walsh exited the team with 3.5 wins in seven games, a 4.57 goals against average, 32 goals against and 4 penalty minutes.

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Thank you to Frank and Fred at Clarica for their support.
Total amount raised \$12,500. Some late donations still coming in.
Jane Braam
Campaign Manager

33 Obituaries

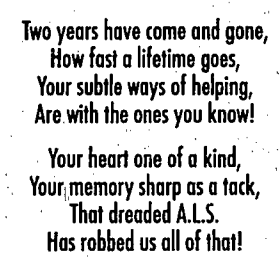
CORNELIUS (CASEY) BRAAM
OCTOBER 7, 1924 - NOVEMBER 27, 2005
In Loving Memory of Cornelius Braam, born October 7, 1924 in Sassenheim, Holland, passed away November 27, 2005 in Terrace, B.C.

The family of Cornelius and Philippina Braam: Marianne & (Brian) Kormendy (deceased), Derek Kormendy, Tanya Kormendy; Ralph Braam & Darla Kluss, Amanda & Mark Fikkema, Kevin & Nicole Braam and Jordan Healy, Tim Braam; Janette & Henry Seinen, Matt & Lisa Seinen, Tyson and Katelynn, Andrew & Karen Seinen and Kaylie, Josh & Jenn Seinen, Adrienne Seinen and Jonas; Yvonne & Bill Warcup, Joanna Warcup, John Warcup; John Braam; Harold & Maria Braam, Jodi Braam, Laura Braam, Casey Braam; Phyllis & David Hull; Gordon & Tracey Braam.

Remember him with a smile today.
He was not one for tears.
Reflect instead on memories of all the happy years.
As we loved him...
So we'll miss him
But in our memories he is near.

30 In Memoriam

CLIFF McCHESNEY
Two years have come and gone,
How fast a lifetime goes,
Your subtle ways of helping,
Are with the ones you know!
Your heart one of a kind,
Your memory sharp as a tack,
That dreaded A.L.S.
Has robbed us all of that!
Forever loved and remembered,
Your Family



Forever loved and remembered,
Your Family

33 Obituaries

Maria Klingner (nee Stiebersky)
Born April 20, 1913
Passed away on December 3, 2005 in Terrace, B.C.
Predeceased by husband Bruno, in 2004. She will be lovingly remembered by her son Andre (Martina), granddaughters Anysha and Victoria, great grandson Tyler, and other relatives and friends both in Canada and Austria.

36 Card of Thanks

Many Thanks
to family, friends & for flowers.
Your kindness and your thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated.
Betty Demmitt

3 Announcements

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RETIREMENT SALE starting Dec. 12 from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday at #10 - 4036 Substation Rd (across from log house on Highway 37 at 4 way) Contents are to sell my huge selection of collectibles including most of my dolls and toys. Collectible prices will apply but are reasonable. Too many items to list. (49p3)

60 Health/Beauty

I LOST 20 inches of body fat and 6 pounds in four weeks. Ask me how. Cindy Toll-free 1-888-923-9993 (49p3)

65 Lost & Found

LOST SUNDAY, by Lakelse Lake along Kitimat highway, aluminum snowmobile deck. 250-798-2002 (49p3)
LOST: ROYAL Blue Motorola cell phone. Lost since Saturday night Nov. 26/2005. If found please call 250-635-6854.

70 Personals

FEMALE OVER 40? Interested in rural living? Well travelled man mid-50's (in years only) interested in meeting petite uncumbered woman. Send postcard: Site 39, Comp 27, RR#2, Terrace, V8G 3Z9 (49p3)
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160 Appliances

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160 Appliances

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220 Miscellaneous

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REQUIRED BUSINESS partner for antique store. Must have \$25,000 investment for one half interest. e-mail Spiritbr@telus.net or File # 228 Terrace Standard, 3210 Clinton St. Terrace, B.C. V8G 5R2 (48p3)

258 Careers

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270 Help Wanted

OWNER / OPERATORS paid 80%, avg. \$1.83/mi. with own trailer, or 73%, avg. \$1.67/mi. without. Class-1 longhaul flatdeck USA/CAN from BC or AB \$3000 Hiring Bonus. Tom 1-800-663-0099.

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Eagle Homes, B.C.'s largest Modular modular dealer is looking for installation personnel for our Salmon Arm, Cranbrook and Kamloops dealerships. Must have basic carpentry skills, be willing to travel, drywall experience preferable. This is an opportunity for the right person to gain long term employment with a successful company in a fast growing industry. Remuneration based on experience. Send resume by fax to 250-833-4758 or by e-mail to: info@eaglehomes.ca

The Kingfisher Oceanside Resort and Spa is looking for a General Manager to start in January 2006. The successful candidate will be a hands-on manager, a leader, a good staff coach, be profit oriented, versatile and creative. And that's not all...we need someone who has knowledge of fine dining, hotel and spa operations. The individual will be able to handle challenges, find solutions and stay positive throughout. The employment package will include benefits and possible living accommodations in a 3 bdrm ocean view suite. If you are this person please email your resume to: bdevcorp@shaw.ca

Northern Vancouver Island GM Dealership is seeking a Secretary/Treasurer/Accountant. Experience preferred, computer literate with Quorum Systems an asset. Wages/Salary are negotiable DOE. An excellent opportunity for career orientated individuals on a great team! Fax resumes attention Cory Klassen to (250) 949-7440.

Outreach Resource Educator required by Bulkley Valley Child Development Centre in Smithers. Full details can be viewed at www.interior-news.com under job opportunities in Bulkley Valley.

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SHOP SUPERVISOR IN TERRACE

Must have exceptional customer relationship and communication skills. Computer experience would be an asset. Competitive salary and benefit package available to the successful applicant. Drop off or mail resume to:

Attention: Service Manager
Box #231
c/o Terrace Standard
3210 Clinton St., Terrace, B.C. V8G 5R2
Closing date: December 29, 2005.

CARETAKERS

Kasiks Wilderness Resort is currently accepting applications for a couple to be caretakers based at the resort, Highway 16 West, Terrace, B.C.

The couple must be willing to live at the resort. This position is responsible for general maintenance of the facility including minor maintenance of the generators. Preference will be given to those that have an air brake ticket and have the ability to drive a plow truck.

If you are interested, please provide a resume with references and salary expectations to:

Send resume to: Debbie Russell
drussell@nechako-northcoast.com
or call Peter Lansdowne at (250) 638-1881 ext. 228

270 Help Wanted

COOK/HOUSEKEEPER/HOSTESS

Kasiks Wilderness Resort is currently accepting applications for a cook and housekeeper, hostess based at the resort, Highway 16 West, Terrace, B.C. Shift work involved.

Qualifications:

- Minimum 3 years experience as a cook
- Must have level 1 first aid
- Food Safe - Level I and II
- Class 5 drivers license with reliable transportation

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ACCOUNTING CLERK

Local firm requires a part-time Accounting Clerk. The successful candidate will have experience in accounts receivable, accounts payable and payroll.

Experience with Microsoft Word, Excel and Simply Accounting would be an asset.

This position offers a flexible schedule and wages based on experience and qualifications. This position could develop into full-time.

Please forward applications (including references) by December 15, 2005 to:

c/o Terrace Standard
File# 230
3210 Clinton Street,
Terrace B.C.
V8G 5R2

CCP INSTRUCTOR - TERRACE

Career and College Prep Program

Internal/External

Northwest Community College, Terrace Campus has an opening for a part-time auxiliary instructor in the Career and College Prep Program. The appointment will run from January 23, 2006 to March 31, 2006. The salary will be in accordance with the BCGEU Faculty scale.

Duties

The instructor will teach 60 hours of self-paced mathematics and English combined and 30 hours of Instructor-led Computer Studies using NWCC curriculum. Classes will be held two mornings a week at the Northwest Training facilities in downtown Terrace and on Friday morning in a Terrace campus computer lab. The appointment will also include 14 hours of preparation time.

The students are all participants in the DAWN program run by Northwest Training. The DAWN program provides academic and life skills education to women who have had difficult past relationships and who have barriers to success in education and in employment.

Qualifications/Skills:

A bachelor's degree in a closely related discipline plus an education degree (eg. Masters in Adult Education or Provincial Teaching Certificate), or a bachelor's degree in a closely related discipline plus a Provincial Instructor's Diploma and/or substantial experience teaching in an Adult Basic Education/Career and College Prep program. The candidate must also have extensive experience working with at-risk women and will also have a broad range of content knowledge with confidence, and experience in instructing math, English, and computer studies. Other requirements: able to teach diverse content; learner-centred; committed to student success; understand barriers facing these students; excellent organizational, interpersonal and communication skills; word processing and computer literacy skills, and a demonstrated ability to work effectively as a team player and independently.

In accordance with DAWN program requirements only female applicants will be considered.

Respond in confidence by submitting a current resume and quoting competition #05.1975 to: Human Resources Department, NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 5331 McConnell Avenue, Terrace, B.C. V8G 4X2, FAX: 250.638.5475, Email: soates@nwcc.bc.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Closing Date: December 19, 2005

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY General Manager

The Skeena Native Development Society in close partnership with a local partner is seeking applications from motivated and qualified individuals to fill the full-time permanent position of General Manager.

The successful candidate for this senior management position will be a unique individual who is a self starter that can work within general policy framework. He/She will be responsible for developing partnerships and will work to achieve economic independence by fostering and providing opportunities for entrepreneurial development.

The General Manager is responsible for the following:

- Identify and develop business opportunities,
- promote economic development and diversification,
- increase business ownership,
- create employment and training opportunities,
- maximize successful job creation,
- invest profits for further economic growth and diversity,
- marketing & venture start up,
- product development,
- management & Corporate negotiations,
- management of human and financial resources related to community economic development; and
- is responsible and accountable for the creation of a mission statement and guiding principles and procedures.

Experience/Training

- 5+ years exp. marketing and sales
- 3+ years management experience
- 2+ years business development experience
- Related industry experience
- Strong written and verbal skills
- Post Secondary Education or equivalent applied experience

Applicants may call the following for more information, and are requested to submit a resume along with two letters of reference by the closing date of December 16, 2005 to:

Barb Haldane, Executive Assistant
Skeena Native Development Society
Telephone: (250) 635-1500
P.O. Box 418, Terrace, B.C. V8G 4B1

270 Help Wanted

Log Truck Drivers, Log Truck (Short-Long logs) Owner Operators, Processor Operators. References and Driving Record are required with your application. Winter 05/06. Jared Gulbranson, Gulbranson Logging Ltd., 1475 Hwy 16 East, PO Box 665, Vanderhoof, BC V0J 3A0. Voice 250-567-4505 or 250-567-5446. Fax: 250-567-9232. E-mail: gulbrans@telus.net

PART TIME housekeepers required. Bring resumes to 4828 Hwy 16 W., Terrace, B.C. No faxes. For more info call 250-635-9151 (48c2)

SEAMSTRESS AND/OR wardrobe assistant. Custom Portraits in Skeena Mall are looking for Christmas help. Phone 250-639-5196 or drop in. (49p3)

NOW TAKING applications for "Resident Building Managers". Duties to include regular building and outdoor maintenance for a 95 apartment complex, enforcing by-laws, collecting strata fees and laundry income, submitting bills to accountant. Please mail resume to Summit Square Apts., #1108-2607 Pear St., Terrace, B.C. V8G 4V5. Cut off date for applications will be Jan 1, 2006. Interviews will be held on Jan. 27, 2006 for accepted applicants. (47c5)

WE ARE Looking for a F/T waitress. Please send your resume to Shan Yan Restaurant at 4606 Greig Ave., Terrace. No phone calls please. (49p3)

278 Skilled Trades

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Director of Administration and Finance

The Skeena Native Development Society in close partnership with a local village government partner is now taking applications from experienced and qualified individuals to fill the position of Director of Administration and Finance.

The position will provide executive management and finance functions and will assist the village government in implementing policy and legislation.

The position is responsible for the following:

- Developing, recommending, and implementing financial and administrative policy
- Management of finance, Human Resources, and programs
- Fostering and maintaining inter-government relationships with the three levels of governments
- Management of the organizations' Collective Agreement

The following qualifications are essential for this position:

- Post Secondary education in Business Administration or Commerce or the equivalent in past job experience
- Knowledge and experience in working with federal and provincial programs
- Knowledge and experience with technology
- Proven management and supervisory skills
- Working knowledge of financial accounting principles
- Good knowledge of the socio-economic conditions of the region
- Must be bondable

This position is the senior management position in the organization and does not fall under a collective agreement. Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. Only individuals who qualify will be contacted for an interview.

Applicants may call the following for more information, and are requested to submit a resume along with two letters of reference by the closing date of December 16, 2005 to:

B. Haldane, Sr. Executive Assistant
Skeena Native Development Society
Telephone 250-635-1500
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322 Education

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Pursuant to section 9 of the said Act, Fortune Minerals Limited has deposited with the Minister of Transport, and in the office of the Government Agent Prince George, British Columbia, under deposit number 1000076. A description of the following work, its site and plans of the bridge over Klappan River, located at approximately 81.2 km along the proposed Mt. Klappan Road.

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CITY OF TERRACE INVITATION TO TENDER

TERRACE ARENA ADDITION

INVITATION:
The City of Terrace invites tenders from qualified general contractors for the construction of a new ice arena adjacent to the existing Terrace Arena.

DESCRIPTION:
The 2900m² building will comprise a pre-engineered steel frame housing an NHL size rink slab, masonry dressing rooms and mechanical rooms. A geothermal heat pump /heat recovery HVAC and refrigeration system will serve the new addition and will be retrofitted into the existing arena and aquatic centre buildings.

CLOSING / TENDER OPENING:
3:00 pm, Thursday, February 9, 2006
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Tender Documents will be available for viewing on or after Wednesday, 4 January, 2006 in the BC Construction Association Plan Rooms at Vancouver, Prince George and Kamloops; and at the CITI electronic plan room. Documents will also be available for viewing at the Terrace Public Works Department.

Tender documents may be obtained at the office of the Consultant, or at the Terrace Public Works Department, upon receipt of a refundable deposit in the form of a cheque in the amount of \$200 per set, made payable to PBK Architects Inc.

The BCCA Bid Depository System shall be used for the receipt of selected sub-trade tenders as listed in the Instructions to Bidders.

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The Contractor will modify the existing well casing, replace the well pump and piping, install fencing and apply for a well identification plate, install and new 32 mm water supply line, locate and replace existing distribution system valve boxes, remove existing water taps and water softener, flush existing hot water tanks, install a backflow prevention device and construct a water treatment room within an existing building complete with hot water system, emergency shower and pressure tanks. The supply and installation of the water treatment system will be carried out by others.

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Tender forms, plans and specifications may be obtained from the Dayton & Knight Ltd. office in North Vancouver, B.C., for the non-refundable purchase price of \$50.00 after 2:00 p.m., Monday, December 6, 2005. Cheques shall be made payable to Dayton & Knight Ltd.

Tenders will be opened in public immediately after the closing time. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. Each Tender must be accompanied by a bid bond or certified cheque. The award of this contract is subject to approval by the Ministry of Environment (MOE) and to the availability of sufficient funds to complete the project.

Enquiries should be directed primarily to Mr. Gerson Neiva, P.Eng., Dayton & Knight Ltd., telephone (604) 990-4800, or, if necessary, to Mr. Dan Bate, MOE, telephone (250) 557-4390.

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3-D archers shoot up the stables

TWENTY-EIGHT archers flung arrows at targets during the Whiskey-jack Archers' 3-D shoot at Copperside Stables, the club's first shoot of the season, last month.

Max Ursic of Smithers won the men's unlimited, followed by Wayne Webber of Terrace.

Club president Jaco Fourie shot his way to first place in bowhunter sighted and Ludwig deJager scored second.

Brian Nordstrom of Terrace won the men's recurve. Allan Correia of New Aiyansh took second and Ed McKenzie took third.

In men's longbow, first place went to Ricardo Correia of Terrace, followed by John Sandhals and Prince Rupert's Colin Bennett.

Kenneth Monture snared the cubs win just ahead of Steven McColl.

Megan McAlpine won the longbow female. Cynthia Ridler snapped up second and Tiffany Hutchins of Prince Rupert took third.

Erin Sandhals was the top recurve female and Gayle Holtom took second.

Lorna Sandhals said the group had a great time. For the first time, the club had enough targets of its own and didn't have to borrow any, and as a result, is looking forward to its spring 3-D shoot in May.

Sports Scope

Shames to open soon?

LOCAL SKI and snowboard enthusiasts are asked to call the Shames Mountain snow phone to learn if their favourite ski runs will be open today, Dec. 14.

As of Dec. 8, snow was falling on the upper mountain while snow mixed with rain landed on the lower slopes.

Thirty centimetres covered the bottom of the hill with another 50 cm needed before the runs are opened, say Shames' employees.

The mountain's usual opening date is Dec. 20.

For more information, call the snow phone at 638-8754 or toll-free at 1-877-898-4754 or check the Shames Mountain website at www.shamesmountain.com.

Murray scores down south

FORMER TERRACE minor hockey star Josh Murray scored his first goals in the NCAA recently.

The Nov. 19 game saw the University of Alabama-Huntsville Chargers drop the Robert Morris Colonials 6-5, with Murray assisting on the Chargers' first goal and netting the team's second on a breakaway, beating the Colonials' goalie on his stick side within the first five minutes of the first period.

Murray's second goal came in the Chargers' 4-3 victory over the Ohio State Buckeyes Dec. 2.

After Murray's line worked the puck free in neutral territory, Murray took it across the blue line and fired a low-angle shot to open the scoring for the Chargers halfway through the first period.

John Amos, who coached Murray as a bantam rep here, said freshmen don't play much as the seniors get pref-



Josh Murray

erence but said Murray told him he was getting more ice time when he scored his first goal.

Once the team had a comfortable lead, the first and second lines returned to the ice, limiting Murray's ice time once again.

The Chargers are tied for third in the CHA conference. They break for the holidays and return to the ice Jan. 6.



Floating finesse

JULIANNE LENUIK skates during the intermission of the River Kings game at the Terrace Arena Dec. 4. On the left, during her warmup, Lenuik performs an Ina Bauer, a graceful field move that shows off her flexibility.

On the right, the young talent finishes her routine by holding this pose for a couple of minutes.

Lenuik's teammates from the Terrace Skating Club shouted and cheered for her throughout her time on the ice in front of the small, but appreciative crowd.

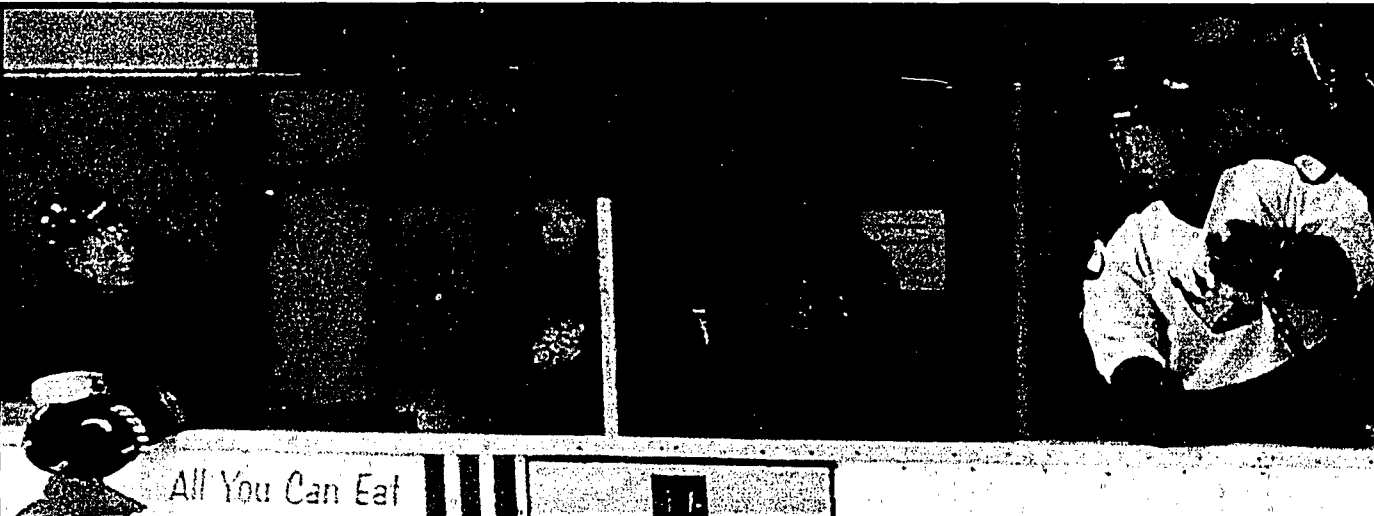
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Speak up

RIVER KING Troy Kaye, far right, continues having words with Steelhead Dan Dykens, far left, after a roughing call landed the pair in the penalty box for just under the final two minutes of the teams' second meeting here Dec. 4.

MARGARET SPEIRS PHOTO



Sports Menu

December 14
Shames Mountain's tentative opening day. For info, call the snow phone at 638-8754 or toll-free at 1-877-898-4754 or check the website at www.shamesmountain.com.

December 28 and 29
Young curlers throw their rocks in the Junior Bonspiel at the curling club.

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2. Receive a **GAS VOUCHER** valid for a one-time only purchase of up to \$5.00 of gasoline (including taxes).
3. Redeem **GAS VOUCHER** within 7 days at the **REAL CANADIAN WHOLESALE CLUB** gas bar in our **Terrace** location only.
4. **GAS VOUCHER** must be presented to gas bar cashier at time of purchase. (Not valid on Pay-At-Pump transactions.)

One coupon per family purchase. Coupon effective from **Wednesday, December 14** until closing **Saturday, December 24, 2005** and cannot be combined with any other **free** coupon offer. No rainchecks, no substitutions.

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